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"UFOs are the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse."

--Dr. Lincoln La Paz

DEDICATION

This history series is dedicated to the memory of Francis R. "Dick" Scobee of Cle Elum, Washington, Mission Commander of the space shuttle Challenger and a "shirt tail" relative on my Mother's side of the family.

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UFOs A HISTORY

NOVEMBER 7th-12th 1957

7 November. White Sands-Holloman AFB, New Mexico. (1:55 a.m.)

"A whistling noise."

Another military sighting:

"Over the White Sands-Holloman AFB range between 1:45 and 1:55 a.m., ...airman Bradford Rickets, James Cole, Dennis Murphy, Wayne Hurburt, and Harry Uhlrich sighted an unidentified aerial object while on duty near a salvage yard at the north side of the base between Alamogordo and Tularosa, twelve miles north-by-northwest of Alamogordo. They said the object made a whistling noise and turned from white to orange to red. (1.)

7 November. Tampa Bay, Florida. (2:30 a.m.)

"Like an airplane without wings."

According to a local paper:

"A Tribune carrier, Mrs. Geraldine Sammons of Temple Terrace, yesterday became the third person to report sighting a 'flying saucer' type object in the sky east or northeast of Tampa.

"She said she saw an oval-shaped object 'like an airplane but with no wings' and with a turret on top of it as she was traveling on Temple Terrace Highway about 2:30 a.m. Thursday delivering papers. She said the object was about a mile south of her --and stopped to hover over 56th St. Mrs. Sammons said since the night was dark she only saw the object when it lit up occasionally.

"She said her mother, Mrs. Daisy Browning, also of Temple Terrace, and a youth, Bobby Asborn, 14, of Temple Terrace Hwy. and 46th St., saw the object at the same time. Other 'saucer' reports have come in the past few days from Tom Candileri of 2531 Watrous Ave., a salesman who was making a call in the Zamibito Rd. area and from Mrs. Eleanor Carey, who lives about 13 miles east of Tampa on Vairico Rd. They report sighting the object Wednesday night." (2.)

7 November. Palm Springs, California. (5:40-6:25 a.m.)

"Parent sphere and parasites."

For about three quarters of an hour a security guard for Valentino Patrol services observed two peculiar objects over Palm Springs.

A Mr. Douglas Arnot told the press a cigar-shaped object and a sphere appeared in the sky, and then they disappeared.

Nothing more was said about the "cigar," but Arnot did remark the sphere had "fins around it." The "fins" may have been flares of light but of more interest was Arnot's assertion that three "parasite" bodies left the sphere and rose to a point above the "parent," or sphere, where they hovered. After a pause, one of the "parasites" zoomed away. Soon after, the "parasite" body returned. All three "parasites" then merged with the "parent" body. The "parent" grew brighter and brighter while moving away at terrific speed. (3.)

Little Green Men Get Right of Way

(Associated Press Wirephoto) Nov 7, 1957

Lubbock, Tex.—A Texas Tech coed, Martha Kenley, on way to classes, pauses for a laugh beside a new highway sign erected by the city's traffic safety department. Lubbock is near where the "flying egg" was reported stopping cars and scaring motorists, and the scene some years ago of the famed "Lubbock lights" in the sky which were never completely explained.

7 November. Geauga, Ohio. (5:30 a.m.)

"Made 3-4 circular passes." (See clipping)

7 November. Canon City, Colorado. (6:15 a.m.)

"Flying egg."

According to a couple living in Canon City an "egg paid a visit. The local paper reported:

"...a Lincoln Park couple reported they sighted a 'saucer' over the Royal Gorge Thursday morning.
"Actually what Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mac Gregor of 1502 Loeust claim they saw was egg-shaped matching the description of other airborne objects reported over Colorado and Wyoming Wednesday.
"Mac Gregor said he started to let their dog off the front potch at 6:15 a.m. when he saw something in the sky toward Pretnent peak which he at first thought was the moon but noticed it was moving.
"He immediately called his wife who came to the door. They both said the flying egg proceeded over the Royal Gorge toward Canon City, then stopped a few seconds and quickly moved back to the direction whence it had come.
"Mrs. Mac Gregor said the thing she clearly saw was egg-shaped, but rather pointed at each end.
"Both said they heard no noise and that the object looked like shiny aluminum. The time in which it was observed was for only about a half minute, Mac Gregor said. He said it was apparently very large and seemed to be on a level with Fremont peak.
"Mac Gregor, who says he never thought he saw a saucer before, says he hopes others in town will report sightings, but as yet no other such reports have been received at the Record." (4.)

Bright Object Is Sighted Over Geauga

An unidentified flying object "as bright as Venus in the evening sky" was sighted this morning over Geauga County by Mrs. William J Fluhr of Mitchell Mills Rd. Chardon.

Mrs. Fluhr said she spotted it about 5 30 a. m With her husband, she watched it make three or four circular passes over the valley near her home, she said.

The sighting was verified by her neighbor, John Nelson, 21 a chemist for Republic Steel and Nelson's visitor, Kenny Berilla, 21 of 12421 Lancelot Ave, Cleveland

A Geauga County sheriff's department spokesman said the sighting was verified by Painesville and Chardon police.

7 November. Geauga County, Ohio. (6:15 a.m.)

"Like a flattened pumpkin."

A press account states:

"Mrs. E.A. Markell of Thompson, Geauga County...reported sighting a glowing orange object that appeared to be hovering over the Thompson Ledges about 6:15 a.m. on November 7th.
"'It was large and shaped like a flattened pumpkin,' she said. 'I watched it a few seconds and then it disappeared from sight, traveling north or northwest. There was no noise but the bright glow almost blinded me.'
"'It was only a few hundred feet from the trailer in which I live.'" (5.)

7 November. A mile east of House, Mississippi. (7:25 a.m.)

"Three queer little people." (See clippings on following pages)

The Stevens story is certainly interesting, but critics would have trouble accepting propellers on UFOs.

What makes the Stevens story even more interesting was a reference to a possible additional sighting of the UFO. In the clipping reproduced in this book there is a mention of a storekeeper named George Hosey of House. House is apparently a small place just outside Meridian. Hosey claims a boy, name unknown, reported a "balloon-like object" before Stevens' truck arrived on the scene. Another news story refers to a young girl:

> "Eight-year-old Frances Inez Jayroe, a fourth-grader at House School, said she watched a 'round ball' moving through the sky Thursday morning at sunup. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie T. Jayroe, she said she watched the object for 'five or minutes.'" (6.)

The CSI New York people made a comment in its UFO bulletin that addressed questions raised by the Stevens account:

> "Are these cases, most of which appear to fall somewhere in between 'contact' stories and reports of 'little men,' all hoaxes?
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> "Unfortunately, we do not have sufficient information with which to render a verdict. One thing is certain: the press, ever skeptical of such stories, seized upon these with gusto--particularly the Schmidt case, for it appeared to be an open-and-shut hoax. With the appearance of these bizarre tales, a deterioration, eclipsing the sobriety of early reports, commenced: the situation, went rapidly from bad to worse." (7.)

7 November. Lake Charles, Louisiana. (7:35 a.m.)

Brand new car stops for no reason.

Mrs. Lain's report:

> "In the Goosport section of Lake Charles a Mrs. Brawner Lain was driving on Jackson Street at 7:35 in the morning when the engine of her car stopped. Her car was a brand new 1957 model and had been recently checked and pronounced in perfect condition. Puzzled that her car would quit on her, she had a thought:
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> "'I had read those stories about the car engines and objects in the sky,' she said.
>
> "'So when the car stopped, I glanced up and there it was... standing still at about 200 feet above the ground.'
>
> "Mrs. Lain said the object, silver in color, was 'kind of round, about 15 feet long and about two feet thick.'
>
> "'It scared me so that I didn't look at it too long,' she said.
>
> "Mrs. Lain said she saw no light or smoke coming from the object.
>
> "'I've never seen anything like it before,' Mrs. Lain said.
>
> "After the object left Mrs. Lain said the car started 'right up.'" (8.)

7 November. Near Orogrande, New Mexico. (9:20 a.m.)

Terry Clarke convinced.

The reporter for the Alamogordo radio station KALG, Terry Clarke, who was responsible for sending out the James Stokes story on the national newswire, wondered like everyone else if Stokes was telling the truth.

The morning of November 7th something occurred that convinced Clarke Stokes' account was not a fabrication. A similar sighting was made close to the same location. What's more, the witnesses, the Lindsey family, were known to Clarke as people to be trusted without any reservations. (9.) (Also note that Byran Lindsey was a former employe of the Daily News, the local Alamogordo newspaper) (See clipping below)

SIGHTED UFO—Byron Lindsey (right), a former employe of The Daily News editorial department and a recent graduate of the University of Texas journalism department, tells Al Wegemer of The News staff of the unidentified flying object sighted by Lindsey and his parents north of Orogrande yesterday. (Staff Photo)

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Runaway Speedometer Heralds UFO Sighting

Lindseys Sight High-Flying 'Thing'

'Definitely Unconventional'

By AL WEGEMER

A runaway speedometer and a "high-flying, silvery oval object" sighted by three Alamogordo residents, constituted today's chapter in the unfolding Unidentified Flying Objects story.

What was labeled as "definitely an unconventional flying machine" was spotted yesterday morning by Trent Lindsey, Alamogordo insurance man; his wife, Jewel; and his son, Byron, 22.

The mysterious object was sighted at a point between Escondida and Orogrande, about 35 miles from Alamogordo on Highway 54, while the Lindseys were traveling by car to El Paso.

Prior to the sighting, the speedometer on the Lindsey auto began to register in erratic fashion, and continued to operate in "a wild way" until after the flying object disappeared from view.

Didn't Stop Motor

Since the latest rash of "flying saucer" reports began circulating in the Southwest (and elsewhere), several motorists have complained that flying objects have stopped car motors and cut off or dimmed car headlights.

But the object sighted by the Lindseys failed to affect the Lindsey car in such fashion.

Indeed, the senior Mr. Lindsey expressed the view that the erratic functioning of the car speedometer possibly could be traced to natural causes.

As to the speedy, high-flying object sighted by the Lindseys, Mr. Lindsey is sure of only one thing: it did not appear to be a "conventional flying machine."

The object, Mr. Lindsey said, lacked the definable lines and angles of a conventional aircraft, and on that point the three Lindseys are in complete agreement.

Beyond that point, however, Mr. Lindsey is highly skeptical about the significance, if any, of the sighting. He explained: "There are lots of things flying around in the sky these days, particularly in this

Note: Dr. James McDonald interviewed Mr. Trent Lindsey ten years later (1967) and learned that the UFO was a silver-colored tube shape with blunt ends. Also, Mr. Lindsey believed the speedometer trouble was due to a mechanical problem, a defective cable, and not due to anything involving the UFO.

part of the country. Probably most, if not all, are explainable."

The younger Lindsey, who leaves within a week for Argentina where he will take advantage of a scholarship at the University of Buenos Aires, and a former employe of The Daily News, attached more importance to the sighting, saying:

"When the speedometer needle suddenly jumped over to 110 (as far as the needle could go), mother said that we had better stop the car and see if we could see any thing that might be causing the strange action.

"The needle kept skipping back and forth between 60 and 110 and making a clattering sound.

"While the needle was jumping around, dad pointed toward the southwest and said, 'I suppose you think that is something'. And it was something. It was cylindrical in shape, silvery, and moving toward the southwest.

"It appeared to be very high up, I would guess about 10,000 feet, and traveling at high speed.

"It was a clear day (the hour of the sighting was 9:20 a.m.) and the object appeared to be made of metal rather than gaseous in nature.

"The object seemed to be following the curvature of the earth instead of moving in a straight line as would an airplane.

"Also, the object seemingly did not have the definite lines and angles of conventional aircraft.

"We saw the object for only about three minutes. It disappeared over the Organ Mountains.

"When the speedometer needle first bounced over to the 110 mark, the flying object was probably nearer to us — maybe directly overhead — but we didn't see the object until it was at least 30 miles away from us.

Needle Leaned To Object

"We traveled some 15 miles before the speedometer corrected itself, and we had no trouble during the rest of the trip or on the way back from El Paso. Strangely, the needle kept wavering to the side where the object was instead of toward the zero mark on the speedometer."

The senior Mr. Lindsey checked with an Alamogordo garage mechanic and was advised that the speedometer's erratic action could have been caused by "lack of proper lubrication."

Mr. Lindsey said that he experienced no previous trouble with the speedometer on his car, a 1954 Mercury.

Oddly, the object sighted by the Lindseys apparently was traveling in practically the same orbit followed by a mysterious object sighted Monday by James Stokes of Alamogordo, retired U. S. Navy man employed at Holloman.

Stokes described the object as "egg shaped" and said its color was on the order of mother of pearl.

Stokes sighted the object about 10 miles south of Orogrande on Highway 54. The object, he said, came in "from the northeast" and caused his car engine to stall and the car headlights to fade.

Stokes reported that he received a slight "sunburn" from the object.

On Same General Course

The object sighted by the Lindseys seemingly followed the same general course as that traversed by the UFO sighted by Stokes; and, in a general way, the descriptions of the two objects coincided.

Even so, the senior Mr. Lindsey inclines to the view that the action of the car's speedometer and the sighting of the flying object were coincidental, rather than related. Mrs. Lindsey and son Byron, however, aren't so sure about that.

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That the Lindsey report seemed to substantiate Stokes, was not lost on the military either. According to an United Press dispatch out of Alamogordo the Air Force was "very interested" in the case. (10.)

7 November. More on the Moore case. (11:30 a.m.)

Olden Moore, whose UFO report would rival James Stokes' for headline space in the nation's newspapers, gained media attention when his wife made up her mind to contact authorities. After her husband left for his plasterer job at Mantua school, Zelma Moore notified Geauga County sheriff Louis Robusky at 11:30 in the morning of November 7th. The sheriff in turn called Kenneth Locke of Eastlake. Locke was the Civil Defense Director for Lake County.

Mrs. Moore took the sheriff and Mr. Locke to the intersection of Route 86 and Hart Road so they could begin an investigation. (See clippings) Mrs. Moore called her husband at work and told him authorities wanted to question him personally. Olden was displeased his wife had blabbed about the UFO incident. He also had planned to spend the evening studying religious texts as a Congregation Servant of the Jehovah Witnesses, not face an interrogation. (11.) Word had gotten around and a crowd had started to gather at the Moore home. It was clear Olden would not have a moment's peace that evening.

According to Mr. Moore, his wife was not the only one to contact him at work. A couple of Air Force investigators, claiming to be from Youngstown AFB, turned up at the school. The military men said news of the UFO report had reached them through Civil Defense channels (apparently through Locke's office). The two officers did not question Moore about the case then and there. Instead they informed him he would be needed for a three day interrogation and would have to travel to Youngstown in the near future.

Also, according to Moore, two CIA agents were waiting at his house to discuss the UFO incident when he got off work. (12.)

All this was too much for Moore. Instead of going home he drove around aimlessly for two days.

7 November. The Russian threat.

Meanwhile, the morning papers were doing their best to boost America's morale in an attempt to counter Khrushchev's taunts and the formidable display of power by the attendance of 17,000 Communist part delegates from some 60 nations at the huge Moscow celebration. At the same time, UFO stories were played down or debunked by American authorities. The front page of the November 7th issue of the Albuquerque Journal has it all. (See clipping)

7 November. "No parking." "Check your weapons."

Perhaps its just the American way, but not everyone wanted to see the serious side of things. Consider the following news on November 7th: "...the Gulfport, Mississippi, City Council considered proposals to (a.) make 'Martians' check their weapons with police and (b.) prohibit the landing of mysterious objects within city limits." (13.)

7 November. "Texas citizenship." "Date with Candy."

The Texans had their own proposals. (See clipping)

7 November. "Space ships tuned up."

Nothing new was needed in Nebraska. Reinhold Schmidt's story collapsed fast making it easy to poke fun at the space visitor concept. An Omaha paper told its readers:

> "While the Schmidt tale was giving Kearney a sensational conversation piece, most of the talk was of of a skeptical variety.

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UFO Hoax, or Did Spacemen Stroll in Geauga Field?

Is it a hoax?

Or were little men from outer space really walking around in an isolated Geauga County field?

Will this mysterious "thing" join the 3% of UFO's never identified?

State, Geauga and Lake County authorities were setting out today, determined to find answers.

"I'm going to find out what that thing was if it's humanly and scientifically possible," said Kenneth Locke, civil defense director of Lake County.

Shooting Object

To appreciate what he is up against, note these items:

SHOOTING OBJECT spurting blue and green flames zoomed over Olden Moore on Rt. 86 in Geauga County as he was driving home to Montville, he said.

IT PLUNGED into a field nearby and Moore's motor stopped. He raced home and picked up his wife. They drove back to the field. The object was gone.

AT SAME TIME Moore spotted the "thing," a woman half a mile away said her whole house lighted up from a glow outside.

RADIOACTIVITY was found in the field by Locke and an Army major in the Fifth CD Corps. At 3 p. m., they measured 150 Roentgens of radioactivity on Geiger counters. Two hours later the readings dropped to 20 Roentgens True radioactivity deteriorates.

Find Footprints

SIX FOOTPRINTS were found at the scene. Each print was made up of spiked holes, like marks left by a golf shoe.

TWO PERFECT HOLES, round and three feet deep, were in the ground near the eerie footprints.

"They were not like postholes," an observer said (there were 15 people at the scene). "THEY WERE PERFECT."

"There was no burning in the grass around there," he said. "Nothing was there but the footprints and the holes."

The farmer who owns the field swore he has done nothing to the field.

POCKMARKS on her car's windshield and side window were reported by Mrs. Mildred Wenzel. A Geiger counter check on her car showed 35 to 40 Roentgens in radiation.

Capt. Charles A. Hardin served 2½ years as head of the UFO branch of the Air Force's Technical Intelligence Center at Dayton. He is now with the Kent State University ROTC unit.

"I've never heard of anything like that," he said of the Geauga County mystery.

"Red glow in the sky" was reported three times yesterday to the Geauga County sheriff's office Deputies investigated and reported:

"Looks like a DC-6."

Sputnik II is supposed to be clearly visible over Cleveland (clouds willing, unlike this morning) at 5.36 a. m. tomorrow and 5.47 a. m. Sunday.

Locke Is Noncommittal: The Telegraph - Painesville, Ohio 11-8-57

Geauga Alive with Probers Of Reports on 'Space Crafts'

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MONTVILLE — "If there was a space ship here, it will be in this area again," Lake County Civil Defense Director Kenneth E Locke solemnly prophesied Thursday.

Although reluctant to commit himself on the subject of a space ship or flying saucer, Mr Locke declared, "There was something here"

He was referring to an expanse of field at the corner of Rt 86 and Hart Rd. where a Huntsburg man reported seeing a mysterious craft land Wednesday night

Armed with Geiger counters, Mr Locke and a state CD official apparently detected some radioactivity in the field They also found fresh marks in the earth that Mr. Locke described as resembling a heel print.

Investigators tramped over several acres in an effort to determine where the craft landed

The only witness to the landing, Olden Moore, could not be located Thursday to assist in pinpointing the spot.

When his wife had reported the incident to the Geauga County Sheriff's Dept late Thursday morning, the craft was said to have landed "a stone's throw" from the highway.

Before CD authorities and sheriff officers had an opportunity to examine the field, the owner had spread liberal amounts of manure over that portion of the field nearest the highway

Efforts of the sheriff's department to locate Mr. Moore Thursday were fruitless

He reportedly spied the strange craft at about 11 p m Wednesday The incident was not reported until about 12 hours later.

ANXIOUS AND PUZZLED over the radioactive pockmarks on her car's windshield, Mrs. Leroy Wenzel (right) of Rt. 528, Montville, gestures excitedly as she is questioned by investigators. The television news cameraman (left) was one of about two dozen newsmen on the scene.

Mr Locke expressed regret that notice was not received more promptly so examination of the field could be undertaken immediately.

He explained that radioactivity "decays" rapidly.

Light In Sky

Substantiating Mr. Moore's observation to some degree were reports of four Geauga sheriff's deputies They said they saw a peculiar light in the sky in the vicinity at about the same time Mr Moore saw the craft land

Traveling along Rt. 86 at the time, Mr Moore said his auto's engine was stalled when the craft swooped over the highway near him and landed in the field

Sheriff's deputies who reported seeing the strange light were Richard Ford, David Yates, Robert Sinarsky and Blaine Kauffman.

Other Evidence

Other apparent evidence of radioactivity in the area was found on a car owned by Mrs. Leroy Wenzel of Rt 528, a short distance

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U. S. Airmen Know All Targets In Russia If War Should Come

Khrushchev, Mao Blame World Troubles on U.S.

Communist Leaders Scoff at Our Lag In Missile Work

MOSCOW (AP)—Nikita Khrushchev and Mao Tze-Tung, the two top men in world communism, made a double-barreled attack Wednesday on the United States, gibing at its lag on launching Sputniks and accusing it of plotting trouble all over the world.

Khrushchev, the Soviet party boss, and Mao, the master of Red China, spoke from the same platform before 17,000 delegates here from 60 nations to mark the 40th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution.

Both predicted an inevitable victory of communism over capitalism. Both proclaimed a desire for world peace.

Asks Understanding

Khrushchev proposed a world summit conference to rule out the possibility of another big war. He said the enormous devastation of such a war would be the death of capitalism and he made a plea for an understanding especially with the United States on disarmament.

He predicted the Soviet Union would beat the United States at its own game and surpass it in industrial production in 15 years. He again charged that the United States was inciting Turkey and Israel to attack Syria.

Mao, who received a huge ovation, praised Soviet "firsts," including the earth satellites, and hailed as wise the political measures of the Soviet Communist Party from the de-Stalinization program down to the ouster of Marshal Georgi Zhukov.

Audience Laughs

Khrushchev's three-hour speech was filled with taunts at the United States.

The launching of Sputnik I and of Sputnik II, he said

Seeing Objects Almost Fad; Expert Doubts Existence

By the Associated Press

Individuals in widely scattered part of New Mexico joined Wednesday in the latest fad—that of seeing objects which they could not identify in the sky.

Reports continued to come in from housewives, motorists and children, of strange lighted objects which mysteriously appeared and disappeared.

Air force investigators attempted in New Mexico, as elsewhere, to weed out the reported sightings and investigate further those which they considered merited it.

A word of caution came from a top propulsion expert at White Sands Proving Ground. Ed Francisco, a propulsion engineer and member of the American Rocket Society, said he does not believe flying object reports are necessarily true. He said, too, he does not think they have anything to do with Russian reports of mysterious new power sources.

Francisco said he thinks an element of hallucination must exist in most of the reports.

All of the latest reported sightings in New Mexico came from persons who either were alone or with one other person.

At Santa Fe, Dr. L. B. Duffy, a veterinarian, listened to a radio signal on the frequency of Sputnik II and decided what he heard was not the sound of a dog's heartbeat. It was far too regular for a heartbeat, especially a dog's, Duffy said.

At Tucumcari, City Policeman Erwin De Oliviera quoted an unidentified tourist as reporting that at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday he saw what he said was a large red object just outside Vaughn on US-54. It blinked three times. De Oliviera said he was told, and then vanished.

Two Santa Fe residents told city police they had seen something. Chief A. B. Martinez Sr. said Frank Mares told of spotting, with his wife, what he described as a huge ball of fire which seemed to be traveling southeast as the coupe drove in southwest Santa Fe. Mares told the officers the "thing" was trailing a bluish, red and yellow light and was "very large." He thought it was about 50 feet from the ground. The alleged sighting was at 4 a.m. Wednesday.

Joe Martinez, also of Santa Fe, reported he and Albert Gallegos, while driving home about 12:15 a.m. Wednesday, saw an object in the sky "with red and green and yellow lights." He said it "gave a great glow all over."

At the Air Force Missile Development Center, Alamogordo, authorities branded as untrue a published report that James Stokes, 45-year-old engineer who has reported sighting a "brilliant colored egg-shaped object" also US-54, had undergone radiation tests. Stokes has maintained his account basically unchanged under questioning by air force officials. Officials said no radiation tests were given to him. He had told of having his face slightly burned when the object essentially flew past him.

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Sightings Attributed To Hot Air Bubbles

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (INS)—"Hot air bubbles" is the answer of Dr. Donald H. Menzel of Harvard Observatory to reports space saucers have been sighted in various sections of the country and by the Coast Guard Cutter Sebago in the Gulf of Mexico.

Dr. Menzel debunked flying saucers in a book 10 years ago. And he still contends they are reflections of light—mirages.

Reports from Texas of automobile lights dimming, radios dying out and engines stalling, he said, were merely coincidences.

He admitted observers see something, but that what they see are mirages. He added:

"I have seen them — all kinds. I can see them any time I want to go out and look for them. I saw the daddy of them all—one with flashing red and green lights and a little propeller on top."

He said he saw that one while returning from the North Pole in an army bomber and was able to identify it as an image of the star Sirius, millions of miles away.

Dr. Menzel related:

"The illusion in Texas is a nice example of a flying saucer caused by a layer of heated air close to the ground which acts as a lens. This lens can form the image of an object 50 to 100 miles away very vividly. Such conditions are very prevalent throughout the west."

Such an air bubble, he said, can cause visible and radar impressions at the same time.

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Shooting Case Suspect Gives Up

SANTA FE (AP)—Juan Espinoza Martinez, charged with assault with intent to murder, turned himself in to police

Flying Object Here Turns Out To Be Venus

The planet Venus, appearing as the evening star in

SAC Reveals New Technique At Maneuvers

Offset Methods Increases Accuracy At High Altitude

PINCECASTLE AF FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) The Strategic Air Command (SAC) said Wedn day its crews know exac — or almost exactly — w every potential target in R sia would look like.

That is, they know how would look as viewed by ra from a bomber eight or r miles up.

Some of the secrecy ab the constantly improving at ic bombing capability of air force was stripped away SAC's annual bombing, navi tion and reconnaissance co petition conducted here and Carswell Air Force Base, Te during the past six days.

Another disclosure was th the SAC does most of bombing by offset—by delibe ately aiming at a point known distance away from t target.

Presents Trophies

At a ceremony here, Lt Ge Francis Griswold, deputy co mander of SAC, presented trophies to the winners amo the 90 crews from 45 wing tops among all the bomb crews in SAC and the Brit Royal Air Force—that to part.

Crew members talked guarded terms about the o set bombing technique, a more freely about radar stud of possible targets in Russ They were able to talk on t basis of recent declassificati of some of this information.

Presumably the material h been made public not only b cause it probably already h become known to the com munists but because the Unite States wants the Soviets know for sure that armed ag gression by the Reds woul bring swift nuclear retaliatio

Offset bombing is a usefu technique because many of th most important targets in Rus are in the United States fo

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SKEPTICS SOUND OFF

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(By The United Press)

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He then talked to George Christian, special administrator to Gov. Price Daniel, who said Texas citizenship is "extended to all foreign visitors of other states and countries, and the state would be happy to extend the same courtesy to the space men, when and if they arrive."

Adding to the lure, Allen contacted Dallas stripper Candy Barr, who is visiting her parents in Edna, Tex., to arrange a date for the first spaceman. Miss Barr, who faces narcotics charges in Dallas, was hesitant.

"I've had so much publicity over my little trouble I can't afford to make any comment without contacting my manager," she said. She confided, however, she

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Spacemen

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would be interested in "meeting such a man."

Telescopes Used

Among others, a group of eight military personnel from Biggs Air Force Base at El Paso reported watching through binoculars and telescopes a bluish white light turning red and yellow as it moved about. Airman 2C Thomas Rogerson said it was visible for 30 minutes.

Dr. J. L. McCarey, University of Houston psychology professor, said persons who reported unidentified flying objects "only think they're seeing them."

Psychiatrist Dr. C.W. Dwyer said "This reminds me of people we used to have in psycho wards when radios were new. They could hear radio voices when no receiver was near them."

But Lee in Abilene, said some day "the entire populations of our large cities will see these ships as they come from outer space."

Two men, one an unidentified minister, called Grapevine police to report a lighted object on the ground east of Grapevine near Fort Worth. Tarrant county sheriff's deputies said the description sounded like a helicopter.

"'Everybody downtown seems to think it's a big joke,' one businessman said.

"A Kearney clothier put up a sign advertising 'space ship specials.' A window sign in a car agency announced: 'Space Ships Tuned Up.'

"The Kearney car-rental operator reported business was so good all of his cars were in use. They were being rented by visiting newsmen." (14.)

Too many.

The San Fernando, California, Valley Times did not let the silly stuff obscure reality. In an editorial on November 7th the paper printed:

"Too many people, under too many circumstances are seeing too many things, in too many places, for the resulting situation to be left to take its own course. It is not enough for officers of the armed forces, for other responsible government agencies, ones manned by scientists and specials of all kinds, to dismiss newsmen's inquiries with the mere statement that investigations are under way." (15.)

On the other hand, the Los Angeles Examiner was blind to the Valley Times argument, saying that UFO sightings could be explained by: "...the nation's amazing post-Sputnik willingness to believe almost anything that isn't anchored down can flit from planet to planet." (16.)

With President Eisenhower's "confidence speech" only hours away, Washington issued yet another official denial there was anything to UFO reports, and another debunking news release came out of Dayton. (See clippings) The United Press helped with a negative news summary, and so did the Los Angeles Times, a major daily. (See clippings) Were they all taking their cue from "the-powers-that-be?"

Reading Ann Kwing's "Heavenly Daze" column on November 7th we are informed that UFOs are most likely anything but space ships. (See clipping)

Another November 7th news story quotes a churchman who did not shy away from the extraterrestrial theory. (See clipping below)

Other Intelligent Beings Possible, Priest Explains

MILWAUKEE (UP) — A Jesuit theologian considering the reoccurrence of flying saucer reports said Wednesday it "was very possible there are other intelligent beings in the universe."

The Rev. Bernard Cooke, SJ, a member of the theology department of Marquette university, said there was no definite evidence proving they couldn't exist.

"After all, God's power is limitless, and if these beings do exist, we just didn't know about them," he said.

The priest added that in the past "we didn't have the scientific means to learn about them Now we do, and it's still inconclusive."

"After all, angels exist and they are intelligent beings So why can't we conclude there might be others?" the priest said.

Father Cooke said these "whatniks' might be a completely different species created before man and given special gifts by God

Need Not Be 'Human'

"They wouldn't necessarily have to be human as we know humanness," he said

The Jesuit said he felt their existence would have no harmful change on Christianity and perhaps it could shed further light upon it

"As a matter of fact, if we have discovered another intelligence, or if they have discovered us, it further demonstrates what a tremendous creator God is," the priest said

Skepticism Mounts As 'Whatnik' Reports Swamp Authorities

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By the United Press

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Touch of Hysteria?

Scientists, however, were cool to most of the reports. They said many of them stemmed from sightings of bright stars and planets cloud and weather mirages, the aurora borealis, tricks of vision and, perhaps, a touch of hysteria brought on by Russia's Sputniks.

Dr. Donald H. Menzel, director of the Harvard College of Astronomy, dismissed most of the sightings an "another flying saucer scare."

An Air Defense Command spokesman at Colorado Springs, Colo., said he believed widespread publicity of so-called sightings triggered most reports.

Capt Andy Beasley, public information officer, said "sightings" multiplied rapidly as soon as the nation learned of reports a flying object had been seen Sunday and Monday over White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico and at Leveland, Tex

May Be Balls of Fire

One possible explanation for the brilliant-colored egg shaped object was advanced by Denver meteorite expert Dr. Harvey Harlow Nininger, former curator of the Denver Museum of Natural History.

Dr. Nininger, who now heads the American Meteorite Museum in Sedona, Ariz., said the object could be what he called ball lighting.

He said ball lighting is a big ball of fire that moves slowly. He said the phenomena comes unexpectedly, and is so rare that comparatively few people have seen it.

Nearly 50 unconfirmed reports of flying objects streamed into the North American Air Defense Combat Operations Center at Colorado Springs in the past 24 hours.

However, three Air Force weather observers did report sighting what appeared to be six unidentified flying objects over Long Beach Air Force Base. Late yesterday though, Air Force officials said that after preliminary investigation it was not certain just what had been seen.

Col. Dean Hess, chief Air Force public information officer here said he had forwarded this report and others to the Air Defense Command headquarters at Colorado Springs.

Suggests Mirage

"We don't question the integrity of the observers," the colonel said. He said he is convinced there is some natural explanation for the displays of lights and added, "The American people would be receptive to information as to whether these are of terrestrial or extraterrestrial origin.

"I don't close my mind to the possibility of interplanetary travel, but the probability is negligible."

Los Angeles Times
Thur. Nov. 7, 1957
SAUCER YARNS FLY AGAIN... (etc.) 11/5

No Reports

Trained Air Defense Command observers in every major Southland city "did not report sighting a single unidentified flying object or unusual aerial activity" Tuesday night, reported Capt Joe Fry, commander of the Air Defense Filter Center in Pasadena The chain of observation posts reaches from Paso Robles to the Mexican border

Flying Saucer Reports Blown To Smithe

Not A Shred Of Evidence

DALTON, Ohio —UP— An Air Force spokesman at nearby Wright Patterson Air Force Base has blown to smithereens thousands of flying saucer reports which have piled up during the last 10 years.

A top official of the Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), with offices at Wright-Patterson, said:

1. Not one bit of physical evidence of the existence of flying saucers has been found by the Air Force during its investigation of 3,700 reported sightings between 1947 and 1957

No "Little Men"

2. Not one single landing impression or footprint of any so-called flying saucer or crew member had ever been found by the Air Force

3. The Air Force has never and is not now holding any "little men" from outer space as some flying saucer writers have hinted

4. The death of Capt. Thomas Mantell near Louisville, Ky., during the late 1940's while he was chasing an unidentified flying object resulted from anoxia or lack of oxygen. The object he was chasing was concluded to be a Navy meteorological balloon.

Flew Too High

Mantell's death resulted, as determined by a medical board and an aircraft accident investigating board, after he flew his P-51 too high without oxygen

5. Conclusions regarding the validity of saucer sightings were reached by independent scientists under contract by the Air Force and not by Air Force personnel, the ATIC official said

6. It is true that about three per cent of the sightings are filed under "unknown," but all of these would also be indentifiable if complete reports and data could be secured.

Stimulates Reports

7. Sputniks 1 and 2 have done much to stimulate sightings where nothing might otherwise have been seen.

8. Recent sightings of unknown objects in North Texas and Springfield, Ohio, will almost certainly be explainable when investigators have concluded inquiries now being conducted

Preliminary studies out of Springfield already show that the lights may have been a "cloud ceiling light" the official added.

'Whatnik' Tales Collapsing By Sheer Weight Of Numbers

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A Chicago scientist pointed out the reports which have range from the Fiji Islands to Italy, all have come from the free world while no such objects have been sighted in Iron Curtain countries

Air Force officials investigated some of the strange sightings

But a spokesman at Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, observed that of the thousands of flying saucer reports checked out in the past 10 years only about three per cent of them still are "unknown" file

And these three per cent probable could be identified the spokesman said if more information about them could be learned

The spokesman, a top official of the Air Technical Intelligence Center, also threw cold water on the reports by stating that not one bit of physical evidence of flying saucers has ever been found by the Air Force in checking out 3,700 sightings in the past 10 years.

He said preliminary studies of some of the current mystery sightings indicate the lights may have stemmed from "cloud ceiling light."

A Naval astronomer said a rash of "whatnik" sightings along the Eastern Seaboard Wednesday night was the aurora borealis, or northern lights The lights, described as "reddish objects" were seen as far south as Georgia Astronomer Sylvan Bisiul in Washington said it was "unusual" to have such a brilliant display that far south.

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Odessa (Tx) American Nov 7, 1957

HE WANTS THING ROPED AND TIED

Capt. Sam Gardner of the Texas Highway Patrol was home in bed when his office called him about the strange light in the sky Thursday night The office asked him if he wanted to come down there

"No," said Captain Gardner "When you get it roped and tied down to the ground, call me again"

Houston Press

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Heavenly Daze

Here's What Those Whatniks They're Seeing Could Be

What the Air Force Thinks *See Page 4*

By ANN EWING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 —The flying saucers which are being reported in the United States and abroad are most likely

1. The planet Venus, now shining brightly for several hours after sunset in the southern and southwestern sky. It is also visible to the naked eye in daytime, and can easily be mistaken for some sort of an airship.

2. A mild form of mass hallucinations brought on by a feeling of helplessness because of the tense world situation and the Russian satellites circling the earth.

3. Ballons, either cosmic ray or weather balloons, which are now being made of very thin polyethylene film that glistens like silver in sunlight. Some are as big as 116 feet in diameter and float as high as 100,000 feet, remaining aloft for days. The balloons' size and altitude at which they travel make judging their distance or speed almost impossible.

4. Meteors, sometimes known as shooting stars or fireballs. These small celestial bodies are invisible except when they enter the earth's atmosphere. Then they are heated by the impact of air and appear as streaks of light across the sky. A similar disappearance by vaporization is predicted for the Soviet satellites.

5. Strange sky mirages, similar to the "water-on-the-road-ahead" mirage that is familiar to motorists, caused by a layer of hot air trapped between two cold layers, known as temperature inversion. Bubbles of hot air in a cooler mass could also account for radar sightings of "flying saucers."

6. [illegible]

Here's What Those Whatniks Could Be

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some surprises in store for the nation shortly.

7. The deliberate hoax of a prankster. Like the college fraternity boys who night before last sent up a plastic ballon painted aluminum color and dangling a flashlight. The episode had skywatchers practically gibbering in Greek letters.

8. Any of a variety of familiar objects, reflecting sunlight when seen from just the right angle. These would include airplanes, birds, kites, fireflies, parachutes and ice crystals in clouds.

The Air Force for years has checked into reports of flying saucers, but found "no evidence" of any unidentified flying objects coming from outer space.

Astronomers here point out that not one "saucer" has been reported as the result of astronomical observations. Considering the number of newspaper reports concerning strange flying objects, they believe this lack of astronomical data is impressive.

Besides the astronomical telescopes and cameras working in all parts of the country every clear night, there are now hundreds of moonwatch teams on the lookout for a glimpse of one of the Sputniks. Not one of them has reported seeing flying saucers, yet they maintain a careful vigil on a strip of sky directly overhead from horizon to horizon.

"Here's What Those Whatniks Could be."

Note: Anything but spaceships.

7 November. Abilene, Texas.

NICAP's James Lee pro-space ship assertions were nearly lost among all the "morale-building" debunking. (See clipping)

THE ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS
Abilene, Texas, Thursday Morning, November 7, 1957

Saucer Student Says Whatnik Was Craft From Outer Space

Flying saucer reports popping up in the Southwest and elsewhere have a serious basis in fact, asserts an Abilenian whose hobby is investigating such incidents.

The phenomena are real space ships, says James A Lee He is president of Interplanetary Space Patrol network, an organization of amateur radio operators centered in the United States Lee, of 1844 Ballinger St is a 57 year-old businessman He has stuck with the space-ship theory since the early days of "flying saucers" and with other Space Patrol leaders ignores unfamiliar remarks by doubters.

The whoosing ships come from other planets, believes Lee, and for a purpose the purpose of being seen by earth people

Lee noted that these aerial visitors are often see in areas where Lee and other believers are scheduled to speak on

1 "Unidentified flying objects."

2 Visitors from outer space and.

3. Unknown beings directing the operation of "lights in the sky with a plan and a purpose."

Why should these beings make the lights appear near where they are to be discussed? "It's a matter of conditioning the minds of the people" Lee declares "Remember, I don't buy all these stories That's the problem; we get took' in' quite often"

But, says Lee, where there are qualified observers such as newsmen, law officers or reports confirmed by radar, he believes

The Levelland Tex , UFO s appeared Saturday and Sunday, about the same time Lee was scheduled to deliver an illustrated lecture on unidentified flying objects to the Terry County Amateur Radio Club at Brownfield, 29 miles south of Levelland, he notes. Lee spoke Sunday at 2 p m. in a tiny radio shack at Brownfield

Lee thus returned from Levelland with tape-recorded interviews with the people who saw the mysterious lights near there. Radio stations have clamored to use the tapes

The Abilene saucer student gave a statement to a wire service Wednesday, taking issue with Dr Donald Menzel of Harvard College Observatory Menzel had remarked that the Texas "bright lights" were nothing more than a mirage

"Ridiculous" to say the least, retorted Lee in his statement. "The days of the skeptics are numbered and they had better find a good place to hide away, for even the entire population of our large cities will see these ships as they come in from outer space

"They will soon come in large numbers for all to see," predicted Lee, "and the skeptics will not have a leg left to stand on.

"There is no need for alarm over the situation at this time," he cautioned

Lee was born in the Hodges community about 15 miles north of Abilene. Married, with two sons, he went as far as the 10th grade at Hodges buys and reads every book published by Harvard University, and studies until midnight every night.

If Lee's contention is true that the lights are being used to condition people of this world, Abilene may see the lights next Monday night. That's the regular airwave meeting night of the Space Patrol, when about 100 amateur radio operators tune together about 9 p m and talk about space visitors. This Monday Ray Stanford, 19, Corpus Christi, will be a guest; he spotted a "flying saucer" off the Gulf Coast in 1954.

Wilbanks: "I was sick."

A rumor spread that one of the White Sands MPs was hospitalized for radiation poisoning. Pfc. James Wilbanks was the obvious choice since he was missing when the Army men first talked to the press. On Thursday, the 7th, Wilbanks made himself available to the newsmedia to explain. (See clipping)

7 November. Somers Point, New Jersey. (3:00 p.m.)

Schoolboys see object:

"A mysterious silver-colored oval object hung in the sky here yesterday afternoon [the 7th], joining the ranks of unidentified flying objects reported recently.

"Six schoolboys playing football in a field behind 3d st. got the best look at it.

"Two of them, Billy Allen, ten of 658 3d st., and Billy Shaffer, 11, 659 3d st., said the bright oval moved back and forth between two points in the northwest sky. It hovered for several minutes at about 3 p.m.

"Atlantic City police received one call, and an Atlantic City newspaper got two calls, about the object. Pomona Naval Air Station had no reports." (17.)

7 November. Clearwater, Florida. (4:30 p.m.)

Cigar-shaped object with a blunt nose. (See clipping below)

They're Still Here (Those UFO's); 2 More Spotted

Two more reports of unfamiliar flying objects hovering over Clearwater and the Gulf of Mexico have been reported to the Sun this morning.

Mrs D W Mercer, 417 Le Beau St, phoned to say she and a neighborhood group numbering some 20 persons saw a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) yesterday afternoon about 4 30 She said it looked like a brilliant, cigar-shaped object hovering for some time in the northern sky

After watching it with the naked eye, someone came up with a pair of binoculars, and watching it through them, the object seemed to have a bluish-gray color on the underneath side then a bright yellow light would appear followed by a deep burnt orange color.

This particular UFO circled about, she said, giving her a view of the cigar-like object with a blunt nose. She said she phoned the local police station and was told by the desk sergeant whose name she did not get, that many such reports had been coming in to them.

After that she phoned MacDill Air Force Base at Tampa, and within minutes saw jet planes heading in a general northerly direction

"Whatever it was, it was much higher than the jets were flying" she said, "because we could still see it above the contrails of the planes Finally, it just seemed to fade away in the distance, but until it did, it remained clearly visible even through the hazy clouds"

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Fourth Soldier Corroborates Seeing Object

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND (AP) — The fourth member of a quartet of military police who said they had spotted an unidentified object over White Sands Proving Ground Sunday returned to duty Thursday and corroborated the stories of the other three.

Pfc. James Wilbanks told substantially the same story as Cpl. Glenn H. Toy, with whom he was on patrol. They told of seeing an object which they said was "nearly as bright as the sun" hovering over bunkers used in the first atomic blast at the northern tip of this 100-mile-long testing range

Wilbanks had a heavy cold He said he had not been feeling well since early last week There had been unsupported rumors that he had suffered ill effects at the time of the reported sighting.

Wilbanks and Toy reported spotting the object about 3 a.m. Sunday. About 17 hours later another military police patrol reported seeing a similar sight in about the same location That patrol was made up of Sp 3/C Richard Oakes and Sp 3/C Henry Harlow.

The four soldiers agreed that in piecing together their reported sightings, it seemed to amount to the landing and take off of some controlled device

The two patrols had had no contact with one another before the sightings, the WSPG public information officer said

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7 November. Strawberry, Australia. (afternoon) Also: Inglewood, Australia. (9:15 p.m.)

A note was found in CUFOS files that indicate UFO activity was still taking place overseas. (See page 21)

7 November. Lubbock, Texas. (5:00 p.m.)

The "Whatnik" returns?

Orlin Brewer of the Levelland Daily Sun-News was at home baby-sitting while his wife was at the beauty parlor. At 6:00 p.m. the phone rang. Brewer's friend, Jim Wills, was calling to ask about the whereabouts of Sputnik and the planet Venus. Brewer couldn't answer the question but wanted to know why Jim was so interested in satellites and planets. Jim said he had spotted a suspicious light in the sky to the southwest. Brewer and some of his neighbors checked the heavens for any strange lights. One bright point of light in the southwest was spotted but it did not move so it was assumed the UFO was just the planet Venus.

"You're kidding of course."

Not long after the false alarm, the phone rang again. A man's voice said that a UFO was in the sky, in fact just east of Levelland. Brewer wasn't about to take the anonymous caller at his word and snapped: "You're kidding of course." (20.) The caller replied, curtly, with: "This is the police department." (21.) Brewer rushed around and got a neighbor lady to watch his child and then raced to the Levelland police station. Could it be the famous "Whatnik" had returned? At the station Brewer got into a patrolcar with patrolman Bill White and set out to find the UFO (Officer Fowler and other police units were already in pursuit).

Brewer got the ride of his life as officer White turned on the red lights and siren, speeding up to 100 miles per hour on the narrow farm roads that surround Levelland. Radio contact was maintained with police unit #1 driven by officer Fowler which had an officer George Howard as a passenger. Fowler lost track of the UFO when he slowed up to make contact with Brewer and White. Brewer never got to see the latest "Whatnik." (22.)

Fowler's chase. What did the "Whatnik" look like? (See clippings)

7 November. UFOs return to the plains?

Levelland was not the only Texas community to "see things" that evening. It seems Amarillo, Hereford, Hart, Dimmitt, and Canyon recorded sightings.

Reports from cities other than Levelland only mention a bright body to the southwest, a thing variously described as white, red, or blue, in color. Most newspapers felt people were just excited over Venus, a reasonable assumption. Apparently there was only one "real UFO" in the region and that was the thing that paid a visit to Levelland. (23.)

7 November. Levelland, Texas.

The Air Force explanation for the latest Levelland "Whatnik" was Venus. (See BLUE BOOK file card)

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THE WEST AUSTRALIAN, Nov. 9th, 1957.

Three men working on a farm at Strawberry, Western Australia, 12 miles west of Mingenew, saw a strange moving light in the sky for several minutes on Thursday Nov 7 afternoon. They were servicing a harvester in a paddock when one of them, Jack Parker, drew the attention of the other two, Fergie Newton and ACroft to the peculiar light. It travelled fairly close to the ground from north-west and had the appearance of a bright star. Then overhead, it shot suddenly upwards to a great height, circled twice and then disappeared at a fast speed to the north-west, trailing two silvery threads of vapour.

An object looking like a big bright star was almost imperceptibly rising in the sky over their house last night, an Inglewood family reported. At one stage a small light seemed to break away from it and for a moment shoot downwards before disappearing. The group, of 2 men and 2 women, watched the object for more than 2 hours after it was noticed about 9.15 p.m.

The Weather

Temperature readings for the past 24 hour period ending at noon, today:

Minimum	28
Maximum	50
Noon Reading	48
Precipitation for Year	20.35 inches

HIGH WEST: Fair and cool through Saturday. Lowest 25 to 35 in Panhandle and the South Plains tonight

The Levelland Daily Sun News

"WITHOUT OR WITH OFFENSE TO FRIENDS OR FOES WE SKETCH YOUR WORLD EXACTLY AS IT GOES" — Byron

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It's Back Again: Levelland's Pesky Whatnik

AF Planes, Squad Cars Give Chase

A Levelland police patrol car, racing at speeds up to a hundred miles an hour kept an unidentified flying object in view for close to thirty minutes Thursday night as patrol cars from three counties and planes from Reese Air Force Base joined in the chase

It was the second occasion in less than a week that strange objects had been reported sighted in the Levelland area, although Thursday night's object was apparently a sluggish piker when compared to the glowing egg-shaped ball which witnesses said stalled motors here last Saturday and Sunday and streaked away at high speeds

An area state highway patrol source sought to dismiss the object as a Reese Air Force Base plane which turned its landing lights on over Levelland as it approached Reese for a landing

But City Patrolman A J Fowler who said he trailed the moving object from four miles east of Levelland to a point several miles southeast of Sundown, said emphatically "It was no plane"

A second city patrol car driven by Patrolman Bill White and carrying a Levelland Daily Sun News photographer, tailed the first car by about 15 minutes but never managed to catch a glimpse of the object

Fowler, who said he saw the object from the Lubbock Highway, before it disappeared with the other patrol car chasing it thought he had spotted it once again when a pulsating red light became visible in the distance

The light moved to the east toward Lubbock and could be definitely identified as a plane after its position changed

While the plane went off to the east, Fowler confirmed by radio that he and Howard were still in visual contact with the object to the west

The three patrolmen all agreed on their description of the "whatnik" as an oblong shaped object which seemed to ride in the air vertically The top portion was a glowing red while the bottom was identified as a white or bluish white

The white portion had two prongs which protruded something like an-

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tennaes from the white portion and the two halves were divided by another antenna-like object "like it was shot through with an arrow"

Both men confirmed that it had a sort of rolling or tumbling motion and seemed to flatten out horizontally as it changed direction. It appeared to go faster at some times than at others, and Fowler said it seemed to be just "hanging in the air" and almost stationary when he turned back to pick up the photographer

Fowler and Howard said that they stopped two other vehicles and had the occupants to look at the object just so people wouldn't say "we're crazy."

They identified occupants of one of these vehicles as Mr and Mrs Bullard who live south of Arnett The other individual was a Morton man driving a pickup but both patrolmen had forgotten his name

The search was started by a report that Mrs Frank Keene of Levelland saw a glowing object in the sky which disappeared

Mrs. Keene said she supposed it was a plane. She said it was called to her attention southwest of the city by an Eagle Pass salesman at the family gin

Mrs Keene who says she doesn't believe in saucers, was positive the object wasn't Venus since it disappeared. Mrs. Keene didn't call police, but the fact that she had seen something was relayed to Patrolman White by someone else

Two other men, Radio Dispatcher Donnie Woolsey and his father J W Woolsey, said they saw a glowing object east of the city about 6 30 p m from in front of the police station

They said they could see it over the junior high school building, and it disappeared from view

This sighting which didn't jibe with the descriptions of the three patrolmen, is one which might have been explained away by the Reese plane with landing lights on

Three investigators in civilian clothes and one uniformed first lieutenant were dispatched from Reese to Levelland to investigate the object.

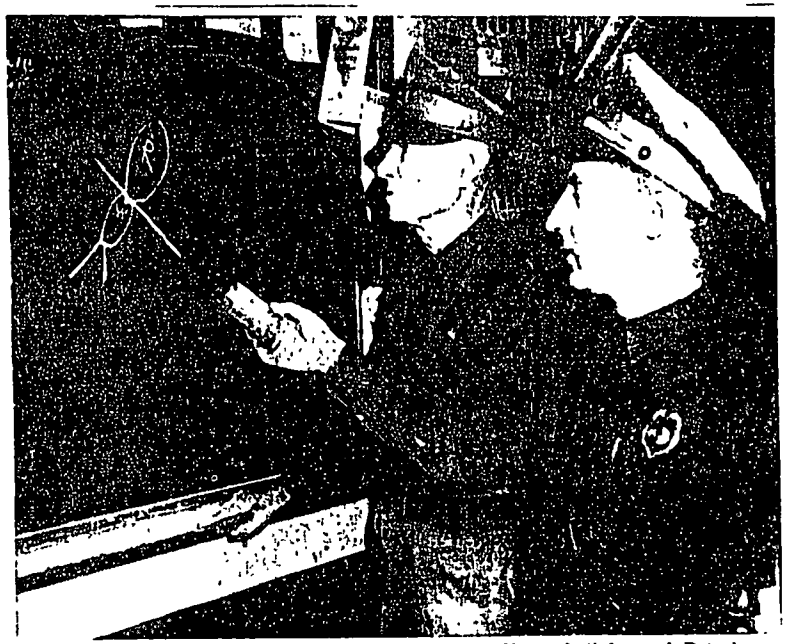
A sighting was reported near Plains, Tex and night - flying planes from Reese which were already in the air were sent to investigate But they apparently found nothing

Brownfield police radio reported that patrol cars training the object near Plains lost it about five miles west of the Texas line in New Mexico

The Air Force lieutenant made careful notations on descriptions and times of later sightings reported by police radio But none of the investigators would speculate on what the object was

The Public Information officer at Reese said Friday morning that the Air Force still had no information

HOW IT WENT—City Patrolman A. J. Fowler, stopped on the road where a new mysterious object was last seen, describes to Police Chief James Tippet of Brownfield how the object moved. Patrol cars from three counties and Reese Air Force base joined the search for the object after it was sighted.



IT LOOKED LIKE THIS—Assistant Chief George Howard (left) and Patrolman Fowler, who say they drove near the moving object until it was lost some 20 miles southwest of Levelland, point to a chalk board drawing of how it looked. An oblong object, which seemed to roll as it moved, thbey said the top part was a big glowing red, while the bottom was a bluish white. Antenna-like objects protruded from the bottom and the middle. (Staff Photos)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
7 November 1957

2. LOCATION
Levelland, Texas

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local _____
GMT 08/0200Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
X Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
X No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
30 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
SSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Object with appearance of 2 basketballs, one sitting on top of other; a horizontal bar separating the two balls. Two antenna-like protrusions on bottome w/ left one longer than the right. Red on top, blue-white on bottom. Moved, stopped, moved.

11. COMMENTS
Venus now so bright that newspapers are commenting. In almost exact position of object sighted Also this sighting occurred in vicinity of widely publicised sighting of 4 November. Could be suggestive and cannot be ruled out.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical Venus
X Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other _____
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

7 November.

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Eisenhower's "chin up address" went out over television and radio 7:00-7.30 p.m. Texas time.

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While the President was talking, the most ominous development of the 1957 UFO wave took place. It started at Waco, Texas.

Shortly after 7:00 p.m. a brilliant light appeared in the sky to the southwest of Waco. Reports began pouring into the Texas Highway Patrol regional office. Venus? The light in this case was impressive. A Texas Ranger Captain said: "...he 'didn't know what it was,' but 'I can tell you this. It was brighter than any moon. It was just as bright as it could be.'" (21.) Furthermore: ...it was 'about the size of a basketball[?],' was 'blue-bright,' and 'had jagged edges." (25.)

The Texas Highway Patrol dispatcher, Officer Fuller, estimated that some 70-90 phone calls had been received reporting the brilliant light(that seems quite a lot for Venus). Fuller felt the military had to take notice so he contacted both James Connally Air Force Base in Waco and Gray Air Force Base in Killeen. The bases acknowledged the calls but they replied: "no comment" to Fuller's request for any official information. (26.) A San Antonio newspaper later printed a story that said two B-25s were sent to investigate the mystery light and that: "Although one pilot reported seeing the object, the Air Force refused to comment on the report after the planes landed." (27.) The Waco News-Tribune tried to confirm this and was told by the James Connally public information office: "Tower operators at JCAFB dispatched no aircraft to investigate other than aircraft already in the area on other missions. None of those in that area reported seeing anything other than the planet Venus." (28.)

Venus? Note the testimony of Texas Ranger Captain Clint Peoples:

> "'I first spotted it about 7:30.' Peoples said, 'It seemed to lie between McGregor and Belton --in that general direction.
>
> "'It was way up there when I first saw it --several hundred feet up. A plane --I don't know what kind --started toward it and the light dimmed. Then it moved to the right.
>
> "'Three more planes started toward it. They peeled off to the right, but as they got near it, they headed back. Another plane seemed to circle it --at least it looked like the light was between the plane and me.'
>
> "Peoples said the light was growing dimmer and heading toward the ground the last time he saw it. 'It seemed like it was only 300 or 400 feet off the ground. The closer it came to the ground the dimmer it got. Finally, it went out.'" (29.)

McGregor and Belton, the two towns mentioned by Captain Clint, were to the southwest of Waco a short distance and near to Fort Hood where one of the nation's major nuclear weapon storage sites was located, an area guarded by the 2nd Armoured Division. We will have more to say on this. The night was not yet over.

Near Amarillo, Texas (7:00 p.m.)

About 150 miles to the northwest of Fort Hood was the big Pantex Atomic Energy Commission ordnance plant, a place where nuclear bombs were assembled (As far as I know, that was its function --L.E. Gross).

San Antonio, Texas
Express . 7 November 57

UFO sightings were being made here like no where else. Not only were UFOs coming in close, they refused to go away!

During the early evening of November 7th UFOs hovered above the Pantex plant for 30 minutes! Strange objects were visible floating in the air only 50 feet above the ground. One UFO appeared to have landed on Farm Road 2373 which was about three miles north of Highway 60. Plant guards phoned the Texas Highway Patrol and asked the lawmen to investigate the possible landing. A patrolçar was immediately dispatched to the Pantex plant. The Highway Patrolman drove up to plant gate and questioned the plant guards. The lawman believed the guards, as improbable their story may have seemed, because the security men were: "... all shook up." (30.)

Guards describe a scary experience:

"The patrolman said the guards told him they had tried to slip up on the objects by turning off their lights 'but the things would just slip away from them when they got near,' he said.
"According to the guards, one of the objects circled the east side of the plant area time and again.
"'They said it had bright lights---blinking fast---and appeared to be fairly sizeable.'
"The guards were unable to estimate the size of the objects 'because they couldn't get close enough to them.' He also said the guards seemed positive 'they saw more than just lights---that objects were in the sky." (31.)

The Highway patrolman left the Pantex plant and drove to the area where one of the objects seemed to have touched down. Finding nothing at the site, the officer parked his vehicle and turned off his lights. The officer sat in the darkness waiting for one the objects to make an appearance.
After a short while the officer spotted something:

"'...I saw this bright reddish-tinted object really moving. It was zig-zagging in and out of the clouds. It didn't make any noise.'
"The patrolman also said he spotted a commercial airplane at the same time the 'strange light' was above his patrol car.
"The plane was making noise and had completely different lights ---nothing like what I saw,' he said." (32.)

Pantex area. (8:30 p.m.)

Unidentified objects lurking over and around the Pantex atomic plant was important news. A couple of reporters for The Amarillo Daily News raced to the scene. As the reporters sped to the Pantex plant a strange light appeared in the sky. The newsmen were so spooked by the sight the driver of the car swerved and almost sent the vehicle into a roadside ditch. Calming themselves, the reporters resumed their journey. Shortly after the first sighting, another light was sighted, a soft red in color. Within minutes, still another light was seen, a green dot visible low on the northern horizon. Clouds quickly cloaked the lights. An airplane was then observed. The "mystery lights" did not look anything like the airplane lights. All three of the "mystery lights" were viewed briefly through a break in the overcast but that was the last time they were seen. (33.)

Reinforcements started to arrive but the UFOs had completed their business, whatever that was, and headed for parts unknown:

"A number of law enforcement officers in the area also visited the Pantex area as the reports continued. Chief Wiley Alexander of Amarillo, other city policemen, several sheriff's office representatives from surrounding areas and others gathered at the plant between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. but reported they saw no mysterious lights." (34.)

Southwest of Amarillo a truck driver by the name of Nelson Burrow spotted a strange cigar-shaped object, with bright lights beaming from both ends, slowly moving in a straight line at 8:30 p.m. (35.)

Fort Hood.

Meanwhile, at Fort Hood, UFO activity there also attracted a crowd of lawmen. Said the Killeen paper:

"Probably the largest group to observe the objects here was near Fort Hood reservation.
"City Patrolmen Leo Berman, Bobby Nobles, and Homer Cunningham, at the request of Waco Highway patrol office, had gone to the area to look for the reported object.
"Also there were Highway Patrolman Weldon Elliott and Pvt. Carroll E. Scott, Pvt. Robert Fesse, all of the 720th MPs at Fort Hood.
"In addition, a number of servicemen and civilians were gathered in the area near the Fort Hood airfield to observe the strange lights." (36.)

The best Fort Hood press report we know of took place later in the evening:

"Two Fort Hood military police said they got 'within about 300 yards of it' about 10:30 p.m.
"They said they spotted it 'hovering about 100 feet above the Fort Hood military reservation.' They said they got within 'about 300 yards of it. Then it went.'" (37.)

UFOs and the Atomic Bomb.

UFO activity being reported by observers at locations of "nuclear interest" first attracted serious official attention in 1949 when it was suggested that there could be some connection between UFOs being sighted at Sandia Base, New Mexico; Los Alamos, N.M.; and Fort Hood, Texas.

Early in 1949 Los Alamos atomic installation guards observed luminous objects in restricted air space. Likewise, at Sandia Base, due south of Los Alamos about 50 miles, experienced similar UFO sightings. Sandia military reservation is adjacent to Kirtland AFB. Sandia had an extensive ordnance area and it is assumed it contained nuclear weapon storage. Fort Hood is just north of Killeen, Texas(about midway between Austin and Dallas). This Army post had a "Q" area protected by armored vehicles. Alert teams manning tanks provided security. The "nuclear police" guarding the actual "Q sites" were known as AFSWP personnel(Armed Forces Special Weapons Project). Many sightings of luminous phenomena at night at Fort Hood were made in 1949. When these sightings were plotted on a map overlay, they showed that the sightings formed a circle about the "Q" area, the atomic storage yard. (38.)

The mention of some UFO activity in years past is an attempt to assess the value of the following note card found in CUFOS files:

From UFOLOGY NEWS (Project Antares) Aug. '58, #8, Texas landing, Nov. 1957

Porter Randel /Reports on KFJZ/a startling report. . . .:
During the week of Nov. 4th, a luminous object that "appeared to be twice the size of a house" landed near Fort Hood, an Army base, Texas. A policeman first reported the landing, then calls from other people began to come in. Tanks, from Fort Hood, were sent ~~in~~ out to investigate the object; as they approached it, the motors ~~[illegible]~~ stalled. Then the tanks became unbearably hot and the soldiers climbed out and ran from the object. Finally, the thing ascended and vanished in the night sky. No report of this incident got further than Fort Hood. . .so was never mentioned in local newspapers.

Note: During that critical week (date uncertain, but notes somewhere in files), CSI member Mary Lou Gillespie, visiting in Texas, called us collect to report a news broadcast she heard that evening about a landed saucer near a military base. Rough details approximated those above, and we told her to send the newspaper coverage of the incident (as this was a collect call); no further word (or papers) was heard of it. (Notes on the call must be somewhere in our files--trb.)

While we are on the subject of nuclear weapons and UFOs, a brief note should be made although no detail is known (at least to this writer --L.E. Gross). Reading a copy of the MUFON Symposium Proceedings we find this comment: "...a spectacular UFO event that allegedly occurred at Maralinga --the super sensitive site of British atomic tests in Australia at that time --during October or November[1957]..." (39.)

7 November. Bowling Green and Clyde, Ohio. (6:00 & 7:00 p.m.)

Elsewhere, besides the Pantex plant and Fort Hood, Some interesting sightings were made by an Air Science Cadet which were formerly submitted to project BLUE BOOK. (See letter) (40.)

7 November. Lake City, Tennessee. (0015Z)

A similar red body was reported at Lake City, Tennessee. (See BLUE BOOK file card) (41.)

7 November. Nashville, Tennessee. (7:30 p.m.)

A Gill Smith of Nashville saw something odd above the Woodmont golf course. Smith was interviewed by the press:

"'I was on Woodmont Boulevard,' he said, 'and I was looking in the direction of the country club when I saw it. It hovered a while, then moved a little way, and hovered some more. It didn't make any noise at all. I saw it all told about three minutes. I guess.'" (42.)

7 November. Quakake Valley, Pennsylvania. (evening)

"Cluster of red lights."

DEPARTMENT OF AIR SCIENCE

AFROTC DETACHMENT No 620
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOWLING GREEN, OHIO

11 November 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, the following report is submitted which was received by Cadet [redacted], an Air Science Cadet at this detachment.

"On 7 November 1957 at 5 45 P.M., I Cadet [redacted] left the city of Bowling Green, Ohio and proceeded east on Route 6 headed for Clyde, Ohio. As I approached the first 90 degree curve on Route 6, about five miles from Bowling Green, I reduced the speed of my car. Immediately upon coming out of the curve, I saw a brillant, red flashing object that was moving. Instead of continuing on my way around the next curve, I went straight ahead and stopped my car at a stop sign and proceeded to watch this object. It was dusk outside and the approximate time was about 6:00 P.M.

When first observing the object, which I estimated at about an angle of 35 degrees with the horizon, the sky behind it was white and as it moved upward at an angle of about 45 degrees, it moved into an area where there was black clouds behind it. This is when I noticed the shape of the object. It was round and its size was comparable to that of a pea. The light coming from the object was the most brillant red I have ever seen. The light seemed to be similar to that of a lightening bug in the respect that it would start out dim and then glow more brillantly. I observed the intervals between the flashes of light and there appeared to be no definite time between flashes. At times the object would flash with a few seconds interval and at other times the interval between flashes were longer than before.

I then turned my car around and drove to the Golden Lily, a gasoline station and bar combined, which is located just off the side of the road adjacent to the curve. I went in and asked a couple of fellows if they wanted to see something interesting. I estimated about four people came out and watched the object. Two of them went right back in and another only [illegible] for a short time and went back in. One remained and we watched the object until it was out of sight. After charting my position on a map I concluded that the object was south of my position. The time that elapsed between my first sighting the object and when it was out of sight was about four minutes. The object did not have any definite flight pattern. No sound could be heard or no tail, trail, or exhaust could be seen, just a brillant, red flashing light

I then [illegible] miles west of Wolcottsville, I noticed another brillant, red flashing light, the same kind as before. I was directly east and sighted the object out of

Ltr, BGSU, Bowling Green, Ohio, 11 Nov 57, Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Cont'd)

the windshield directly in front of me. The object appeared to be about 45 degrees at my position with the horizon. It appeared to be coming downward slowly and to have a definite flight pattern. The time elapsed before I lost sight of the object due to the light of oncoming card. I lost sight of the object and didn't see it again. From the time of my first sighting the object until I lost sight of it was about twenty seconds.

I arrived in Clyde, Ohio around 7:00 P.M. I went directly to my girlfriend's home, which is [redacted] from the city limits on Route [redacted] I went into her house and told her family my experience.

I decided to go back to Clyde and get some oil for my car before all the gasoline stations closed. As I went out the door, I saw another one of these brillant flashing o[redacted] It was very easy to observe the object because of the darkness of the sky. I ran into the house and got the whole family; we all went outside and watched the object and the brillant, red flashing light coming from it. It seemed to me that the light was brighter from the top of the object than from the bottom of it.

When I first noticed the object, it was in a northeastern position continued north and then proceeded northwest. It did not have any definite flight pattern but was moving up and down around and about. There is a Turnpike Plaza three ~~miles north of my~~ girlfriend's house and from the lights around the plaza, I could see the object was a long way behind the lights and seemed to be heading out towards Sandusky Bay; the light was still very brillant. I then directed my line of vision towards Clyde and saw another one of these objects.

I could see that this one was moving because in my line of sight was a tree and I observed the object move behind the tree. I would look at one for a while, lose sight of it and look at the other one. At times I, turning my head fast enough, could see both of them flashing. Finally the first one disappeared in what seemed to be clouds very far away. The second, moving behind the tree, I lost sight of after about thirty seconds due to the lights from the city of Clyde. The first object I observed for about three to four minutes.

From my observation, this is to my best of knowledge an accurate report of my experience."

FOR THE PROFESSOR OF AIR SCIENCE:

John D. Smith

JOHN D. SMITH
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 07 November 1957	2. LOCATION Lake City, Tennessee	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 08/0015Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE up and down

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One round red object the size of a melon. Object was seen moving up and down and was in sight for 45 minutes.

11. COMMENTS

Duration suggestive of astro sighting. No positional data for evaluation.

No report in file.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

Norman Koch, an official of Carbon County, Pennsylvania, wanted to meet a train at the city of Tamaqua and was driving through Quakake Valley Thursday evening. Mrs. Koch was a passenger in the car.

As the couple's car passed a small mountain the locals called "Roundhead," a cluster of about a half dozen red lights was spotted stationary in the sky. The cluster exuded such a glare no outline of any supporting body could be seen. The lights were so curious the Wards stopped their car more than once to view the lights from different points. If there was any movement of the cluster, it was not very apparent. The phenomenon stumped the Wards. They had never seen anything like it in all the years they had lived in Pennsylvania.

An hour later, on their way back from Tamaqua, the Wards passed Quakake Valley again but the cluster was no where to be seen. The Wards thought very little of the incident until the next day when they learned of some terrified teenagers in the town of Weatherly a few miles to the northeast. (43.)

7 November. Weatherly, Pennsylvania. (8:40 p.m.)

"We were scared stiff. The girls got hysterical."

A small group of Weatherly High School students, typical 1950s "Happy Days" youngsters who cared nothing about Presidential TV talks, were sitting on the front steps of Joe Furmanchin's house. Suddenly the kids started yelling:

"'I was terrified,' said Alice Beers, a 14-year-old junior high school student of 102 Washington street, Weatherly. 'We were sitting on the steps talking about the dance (Friday) when all of a sudden this oval-shaped thing seemed to swoop down upon us and then it stopped suddenly and soared off towards Hudsondale --it all happened in a matter of seconds.'

"When asked how high the object was, Deanna Rothrock of 118 East Butz street, replied, 'It was probably no higher than the housetops. I could see the red lights distinctly but as it rose, it appeared to revolve at great speed, causing the red lights to become one blur.'

"'The lights,' chimmed in Miss Beers, 'were 4 in number, I remember that because it's as if each light were placed in each of the four corners of a diamond shape. And I know they were a bright red --as bright as the stop lights at the railroad crossing.'

"Josepph Furmanchin, 13, also of Weatherly, told the reporter that he was inside his parent's home when he became attracted by the shouts of his friends. Furmanchin said he glimpsed the object as it roared out of sight. He claimed it appeared to be oval shaped, and was not certain whether the lights were bright red or reddish orange.

"He reports seeing only one light, which seems to coincide with Miss Rothrock's claim of a blur as the object disappeared.

"'It wasn't an airplane, I'm sure of that,' said Furmanchin. 'I'm familar with the flashing lights a plane carries, and I didn't hear any sound.'(A check at a residence near the Quakake Airport revealed that no plane landed at the airport at the time of the alleged sighting).

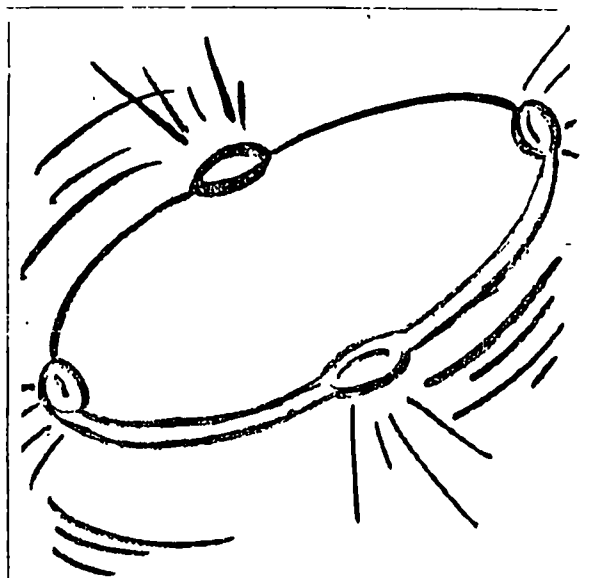
"'It made a sizzling sound,' said Miss Beers. 'At least that's the best way I can describe it --it all happened so fast.'

"There were very minor discrepancies in the sketches each of the

youngsters made for The Evening Record, and the accompanying artist's drawing is a fairly accurate description of what they claim to have seen.

"The grandfather of Joan Hudock, one of the other girls in the group, didn't know what to make of the alleged sighting. 'My granddaughter came home crying about 10 o'clock, telling us what she and her friends had seen. I don't know what to make of it,' he said. (44.)

Weatherly Students Give Eyewitness 'Saucer' Report



WHAT 'SAUCER' LOOKED LIKE—This is what Weatherly's "flying saucer" looked like according to the eight junior high school students of that town who saw the 'object' Thursday night. All agree that the above sketch is correct in all details.

7 November. Waco, Texas. (9:15 p.m.)

"Silvery egg."

Another report from the Waco area: "George Bearden of Route 10, Waco, said he saw a 'silvery egg or cigar-shaped object' in the sky about 9:15. He said it was 'headed south' and was making 'a whirring sound.'" (45.)

7 November. Plattsburgh, New York. (evening)

There was some interesting UFO activity in upper New York during the evening of November 7th but press coverage was limited. We do have a short news story:

"Sheriff's deputies scanned the skies in vain last night[the 7th] in an attempt to confirm reports of mysterious flying objects in the area.

"During the night reports were received at the sheriff's office that the lights and motors of two cars failed on the Lake Shore Road after the drivers caught a glimpse of a strange object flying overhead. Two other persons also reported seeing the unidentified object over the Lake Shore Road in the vicinity of Pray's Motel.

"The persons reporting the phenomena refused to identify themselves." (46.)

8 November.

The 7th had been a big day for UFOs and the 8th would be its equal.

UFO activity in the Plattsburgh, New York, area would continue into the morning hours of November 8th. We have no details on this but civilian UFO investigator Dr. Adolph G. Dittmar claims an Air Force major confirmed that fact to him during a discussion that afternoon. (47.)

8 November. Mt. Stromlo, Australia. (3:03 a.m. Australian time)

Not a meteor and not Sputnik.

One of the most widely publicized UFO reports of the November flap was one submitted for consideration by some Australian scientists. No doubt because the men were experts, the story was better received. (See clipping)

Australian Scientists Puzzled N.Z. 57

11.30. CANBERRA, Nov. 8.

Scientists at the Commonwealth observatory at Mt Stromlo are puzzled by the sighting there soon after 3 a.m. today of a strange object moving across the sky that was neither a meteorite nor one of the Soviet planets.

The object was seen at 3.03 a.m. by Dr A. Przybiski, who had just completed observations of the passage of the two Russian satellite. It was sighted long after the observations on the eclipse of the moon had been completed.

Dr Przybiski who went to bed after sighting the strange object, reported it this afternoon.

He described it as a vivid pink object which moved slowly across the sky, and which was visible to the naked eye for about two minutes.

It appeared in the southern sky just above the horizon at 3.03 a.m., moved in a westerly direction, passed the moon, and finally disappeared.

Its speed was far too slow for it to have been a meteorite, and it was not one of the satellites, which had already passed.

Dr Przybiski said that the object, which was seen also by two colleagues, was completely unlike any object which the Stromlo scientists have so far observed. There is speculation that the object might be some new Russian space vessel, but there is still an element of complete uncertainty about its character.

8 November. Camrillo, California. (6:22 a.m.)

"Flying Triangle."

A press account states:

"It seems that Camarillo, like other parts of the country, is being visited by flying machines of some kind from outer space.

"Mrs. Connie Foster, long time resident here, who works at Camarillo State Hospital, went out to get her car out of her garage at 6:22 Friday morning and saw a Flying Triangle all lighted up moving across the sky from southeast to northwest. She said it was moving with the triangle base facing forward, and that it looked like it was all lighted up from the inside, with bright lights on the tips of the triangle. She watched it for nearly half an hour before it disappeared. It was far up in the sky and not moving at a great rate of speed.

"The Flying Triangle was also seen by Mrs. Larry Logue, 125 E. Loop, Camarillo Heights." (48.)

8 November. South Florida. (no time)

Zig-zagging oval. 4,000 miles per hour.

(See clipping right)

8 November. Over the Atlantic near Wellfleet, Massachsetts. (no time)

It was no blimp.

A Cape Cod paper states:

"Reported sighting of a strange, colored object, resembling the shape of a cigar far to the east over the water created a considerable stir in this village. No one seems to have come up with the right answer as to what it was.

"The object was sighted yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Haldane, Cottontail Lane, South Wellfleet, when they were out for a walk. They stopped to watch it for about 10 minutes, and then went to the home of a friend, William Mueller, for binoculars and watched it through the glasses for three-quarters of an hour, until it grew smaller and disappeared in the distance, they said.

"Mr. Haldane described the object as similar to an elm leaf when he first saw it; somewhat resembling a cigar in shape, pinkish red on the bottom, grayish in the middle and bluish on top. This coloration may have been the atmosphere, as there were no distinct lines separating them and the colors ran together, he said.

"At first he thought it might be a blimp, balloon or plane, but concluded, 'it definitely wasn't any of these. There were no moving parts that he could see or anything which might resemble them.'

Flying Saucer?

MIAMI, Dec. 13 (AP)—Those flying saucers are back again.

A radar expert for Pan American Airways here said yesterday that he spotted an unidentified flying object on his screen Nov. 8 which zipped over South Florida at an estimated 4,000 miles per hour.

The radar man, Donald Freestone, said the object was "four to five times larger" than any aircraft observed in the past.

Freestone said six other Pan American radar experts confirmed his observation. They watched the object zig zag through the skies for 20 minutes.

He described the object as egg-shaped or oval-shaped and said it first appeared 65 miles southwest of Miami at an altitude of 7,000 to 8,000 feet going about 600 miles per hour.

"I didn't believe in such things before," Freestone said. "But after this happened I got some books and read up on it. Now I'm convinced it was something that is out of our experience, so far as aircraft is concerned."

PADUCAH, KY., SUN-DEMOCRAT
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"The sighting was reported to police, and a call went over the county police radio in hope of some explanation, but none appeared on this particular object.

"The North Truro Air Force Station reported it had flight plans for a Navy blimp which was seen all along the ocean coastline of the Lower Cape.

"Mr. Haldane said that he and Mrs. Haldane also saw this blimp, but what they saw earlier in the day definitely was not the blimp." (49.)

8 November. Champaign-Urbana, Ohio. (daytime)

The Champaign-Urbana area of Ohio was "real quiet" on Thursday, a considerable change from Wednesday when hundreds of phonecalls swamped District 10 State Police Headquarters. The Troopers attributed the sudden lack of UFO sightings to the foul weather. Said one Trooper: "No self respecting flying saucer would have been out in a rain like that." (50.)

The lawmen, interviewed by reporter Jack Colwell, said that citizens who phoned police Wednesday sounded sincere and worried. None seemed to be joking.

Officers Calvin Showers and John Matulis, the two Troopers whose picture and testimony appeared in newspapers across the nation the day before, were still enjoying their fame on Friday. New York radio stations were doing interviews over the phone. (51.)

8 November. Columbia, Tennessee.

Hey! We're scared! What's going on?

A newspaper editor tries a different approach. (See letter found in BLUE BOOK files) (52.)

8 November. Air Force UFO policy.

"Play down the UFO problem."

One wonders just what the "powers-that-be" in the U.S. military really thought about the UFO problem. Major Tacker, of course, was just a mouth piece for his superiors. If the editor of the Daily Herald could not provoke more than a standard response from BLUE BOOK, what would it take? A 1965 communication between American and British authorities may shed some light on official policy even as far back as the 50s. It seems a Lt. Col. Spaulding of the U.S. Air Force's Community Relations Division felt the need to quiz the British Minister of Defense about official British policy toward UFOs. Evidently Col. Spaulding did not have the "need-to-know" as a "community relations" officer. Like Major Tacker, Spaulding must been limited to passing on statements originating from higher echelons otherwise he would not feel the need to ask for advice from a foreign source. In any case, American and British policies are closely coordinated, therefore what Col. Spauling learned about the British might well appy to the Americans. What makes this speculation credible is that what the Colonel found out is a good fit to what was actually happening on the American scene.

Considering who was making the inquiry, the British MOD evidently felt there was no reason to give the American officer the run-a-round so this exchange was quite frank. The MOD replied that it was official policy to deliberately "play down" the UFO problem because any publicity concerning the

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Commanding Officer
Headquarters
58th Air Division (Defense)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Sir:

On the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 8, some 100 persons reported seeing an unidentified flying object in the sky over Columbia and Maury County. Others, who have had experience in spotting aircraft and some who looked at it through binoculars, stated definitely that the object was a high flying jet plane.

But before we were sure what it was, we checked with the U. S. Air Force filter center nearest here and were told that no jet planes or other objects had been reported to it as operating in this area at that time.

This leaves only one possibility -- that the jet was operating without its flight having been reported to or checked by the U. S. Air Force through its filter center for this area.

And this might indicate that, perhaps, some other nation was flying jets over the United States without the knowledge of the U. S. Air Force.

Although this is an unpleasant conclusion, it is the only one we can logically draw in view of the Air Force report that the object was not reported and was therefore not identified.

What would your comment be on this hypothesis, that is, that some other nation is flying jet planes or missiles over the United States without your knowledge? Can you offer any evidence that this is not so, in view of the circumstances I have outlined? If so, it would certainly help to quell the fears and apprehensions of many persons in this area who have read in our newspaper about the incident last Saturday and about the many other unexplained incidents that have been occurring throughout the United States for the past several years.

Many persons here are anxiously waiting for your explanation. [illegible]

Very sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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SAFIS-3/Maj Tacker/jmd/74966

8 January 1958

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of 11 November 1957 concerning an unidentified flying object, addressed to the Commander of the 58th Air Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, has been referred to this office for reply.

A thorough check reveals this sighting of an unidentified flying object has never been reported to Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson.

Would you please identify the Air Force filter center which received this report and the name of the individual officer or person who received the report?

When we have this information we will check further on this matter.

The suggestion that the sighting may have been a plane or missile from another country is entirely unfounded. There is no evidence to support such a conclusion.

For your information I am inclosing the latest Air Force fact sheet on unidentified flying objects, dated 5 November 1957.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Inclosure
a/s

Mr [redacted]
The Daily Herald
Columbia, Tennessee

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READER-SAFIS-1
STAYBACK-SAFIS-3

the UFO subject was undesirable from an official point of view. This policy, said the British MOD, had the desired result of avoiding pressure from Parliament to conduct a major investigation of the mystery! (53.) One has to ask oneself, was the Pentagon doing the same?

8 November. More on the Ballinger "light." James Lee and his "space wagon."

NICAP's James Lee rolled into Ballinger, Texas, on the 8th of November to gather more data It was hard to miss Lee when he came to town. He drove a 1949 Cadillac with special control panel just above the dashboard. The panel was filled with gadgets, dials, and all sorts of controls. Lee nicknamed the vehicle the "Space Wagon." The controls were for more than just show. Lee had a complex short-wave radio transmitter in his car so he could communicate with other ham operators.

Lee had plenty of opinions about UFOs but that didn't mean he was speaking for NICAP with Keyhoe's blessing. (See clipping)

CSI New York sizes up the situation:

"...by Friday, November 8th, many papers---certainly those in New York---were no longer carrying reports of sightings, and reports in local papers were once more getting the 'humorous' treatment (No longer are they called 'flying saucers;' they are now referred to as 'whatniks.') The status quo had again been preserved, and the American people were as much in the dark as they ever were." (54.)

In Kearney, Nebraska, they took pride in their self control. When Ormond Hill, publisher of the Kearney newspaper, got a phone call from his brother, he insisted the Schmidt incident didn't offer a challenge. Ormond joked with his brother Alfred: "No we haven't bought ourselves any space suits yet, and it looks very much now as if the story will blow up." (55.) Ormond told Alfred the site of the supposed space ship landing was a busy area with numerous duck hunters and heavy highway traffic yet only Schmidt claims to have seen anything. (56.) Ormond made fun of a California woman who, when hearing of the launching of Sputnik I, immediately phoned the police and and asked: "Does this mean war?" (57.) People get excited too easily was his theory.

8 November. The official news release on the James Stokes sighting was made available. (See document on page 43)

Stokes' credibility.

For Terry Clarke, news reporter for Alamogordo radio station KALG, the sighting by the Lindsey family was proof Stokes was telling the truth because Clarke knew for sure the Lindseys could be trusted.

The Air Force ignored any attempt to link the Lindsey sighting with Stokes' report. The military was more interested in locating the two witnesses said to have been present during the UFO's fly over. On Friday the Air Force Missile Development Center announced that an extensive check failed to locate anyone matching the discriptions provided by Stokes. The base authorities were not challenged on this since newsmen were also doing thier best to find the men and had no luck either. (58.)

4 ON RIG SAW IT

Report of Ballinger 'Light' Sends Quizzer Into Action

By TOM REYNOLDS
Reporter-News Staff Writer

BALLINGER, Nov. 8 — "It scared the hound-dog out of me!" said the 20-year-old Ballinger oilfield worker. "I thought the world was coming to an end."

He is one of four Ballinger derrick crewmen who admitted reluctantly Friday that they sighted a large, weird light gliding up to their rig a week previously. Space ship? Natural phenomenon? "We don't know," said two of the crewmen interviewed Friday. Neither was willing to say it could have been a space ship. But . . .

Now enter James A. Lee, Abilene's indefatigable trotter after "flying saucer" reports. You can sit forward and listen carefully, or lean back and laugh, depending upon your beliefs.

The 57-year-old Abilene businessman whose hobby is the study of flying saucers makes these assertions he says are based on interviews with various witnesses of the saucer occurrences:

1. That "there is a probability something big will happen this month," as "indicated" by messages received from the unidentified flying objects by certain U S. residents.

2. "Beings" in the saucers have learned English and their voices exist on recorded tapes in this country.

3. Saucers must be from other planets, possibly Mars or Venus, and the smaller saucers ostensibly sighted on earth are remotely-controlled by mother ships.

4. The Pentagon in Washington was deliberately "buzzed" by saucers several years ago.

More on this in a minute.

Harmony Pastor

Bobby Black, 20-year-old roughneck on the rig then 17 miles northeast of Ballinger, was one witness. " 'Preach' saw it first, he said. He meant J. A. Criswell Jr. 31, the driller, who also pastors the Harmony Baptist Church near Winters.

"Preach," interviewed separately by Lee and a reporter, said he first thought it was the lights of a plane. But when he got a good look "it" was a solid light about the size of the moon, only to both men the light was fuzzy around the edges.

At no time did the men see any "object" or aircraft. Only the smoothly moving light — perhaps 200 feet across — moving in then backing away with great but unwavering speed.

"It scared me," he said. "I pulled off my hat and started to run. Then I went into the dog house and got the other two boys out." Not present for an interview, the "other two" were Robert Earl Morgan and C B Bogess, both of Ballinger.

Comes and Goes

Criswell saw the light move toward the rig, maybe a couple hundred feet above the ground, hover a few seconds and then back up the same way it came toward the northwest. After almost fading out, it returned over about the same path, once again peered down at the dumfounded drilling crew, went into reverse again and backed off "maybe 10 miles." Then, says Criswell, it gave a short turn and vanished.

Color of the light was something of a fiery shade, brilliant but not sparkling, the men said.

The night was slightly cloudy but not misty or raining, the pair recalled. If the object made any noise, they couldn't hear it above the roar of the drilling rig engines.

Altogether the "visitor" spent two or three minutes with the Ballinger crewmen. Both thought it "looked a lot like the moon, except it was oblong and had fuzzy edges."

Neither man reads science fiction (Black: "I never did believe all that Buck Rogers stuff .... I about half do now, though."), while the driller - minister, of course, studies the Bible.

Closest the light came was within about a quarter - mile of the W. W. West Drilling, Inc., rig. Criswell incidentally can see with only one eye, but sees well with that one, he says. The other men have no difficulty seeing.

Best to Be Silent

The time was 2 a.m Nov. 1. Afterwards the men tried to sleep and the next day mentioned it only to one or two persons. The response convinced them it was best to drop the matter, they indicated. But a relative of one mentioned it at the food market of E. C. Tinsley here, an amateur radio operator and associate of James A Lee.

Shape of the light was oblong, eggwise only more so and it seemed flat on top and bottom Criswell reported.

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OFFICIAL REPORT

Easterners can scoff as they like at reported sightings of strange and mysterious flying objects in New Mexico and Texas, but the Air Force Missile Development Center near Alamogordo takes a serious enough view of one story to issue an official release.

The release, numbered 57-140 (R) and issued by the Office of Information of Holloman Air Force Base says:

AIR FORCE MISSILE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, N. M. —An electrical engineer at the Air Force Missile Development Center, located near Alamogordo, New Mexico, claimed an Unidentified Flying Object sighting Monday.

Forty-six-year old James W. Stokes, an engineer with the High Altitude Test branch here and a retired Navy chief petty officer, said he spotted the mysterious object at 1:10 p.m. Monday as he was driving along U. S. Highway 54 about 10 miles South of Oregande.

Stokes said he first became concerned when his car radio suddenly began to fade. Next, he told Air Force officials, his engine began to slow down and finally quit.

"I noticed about six cars pulled off the road up ahead," Stokes related, "and people pointing to the sky. I stopped my car, got out and began to look around also."

Stokes said the object approached out of the northeast from the tops of the Sacramento Mountains. The egg-shapped phenomenon made a shallow dive to a point about two miles in front of the observers and then sped away toward Oregrande and disappeared.

Moments later, according to Stokes, the object reappeared over the Sacramentos, made a shallow dive to a point about two miles in front of the observers and then faded away to the norh.

Stokes said when the object passed he felt a rise in temperature He said he had sunburn Monday night, but it had disappeared Tuesday morning.

The engineer estimated the object to be about 300 to 500 feet long and traveling at a speed at least twice that of sound.

He said the "thing" was visible for approximately 3 minutes and was at an altitude of between 1,500 and 3,000 feet.

According to Stokes the object made no sound and there were no vapor trails.

"The object was not spinning," he said.

Stokes has been at the Air Force Missile Development Center for the past 18 months.

He retired from the Navy in 1953 after 24 years service.

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Coral Lorenzen was especially concerned by the failure to find a "Mr. Duncan" and an "Allen Baker," plus any occupants of the four other cars that Stokes said were stalled at the side of the road during the UFO's appearance. The Stokes story was a big UFO event for the APRO group, happening as it did in the organization's back yard so to speak. Coral wanted the case file to be complete. That job would take some time --more time than she figured on.

8 November. Speculation.

Dick Bothwell, columnist for the St. Petersburg Times, wrote:

"...the idea that the Reds themselves have been manufacturing the saucers seems pretty well exploded. It does not figure that any nation capable of dreaming up the fabulous saucers would pour unlimited money and effort into a comparatively crude thing like Sputnik." (59.)

8 November. Levelland, Texas.

After a week the Levelland "thing" was still the talk of the town. (See clipping)

8 November. So What?

The Great Lakes UFO group was unruffled by the flap. They scheduled no special meeting. They still planned to get together at the usual monthly date, the 21st. On November 14th the UFO group hoped to make another try at communicating with the saucers by utilizing light beam equipment aboard the Margarita. (See clipping)

8 November. Kirtland AFB UFO.

Results of an official inquiry into the November 4th UFO sighting at Kirtland Field were filed with higher authorities on November 8th. The Commander of the 34th Air Divison reported to the Air Defense Command and ATIC Dayton that the object in question was a mystery: "Sighting and descriptions conform to no known criteria for identication of UFOs." (61.)

8 November. Beton Harbor, Michigan. (night)

"Came right up out of the highway(?)"

This next report is special because it may indicate ball lightning was involved, a favorite explanation of the BLUE BOOK people. Then again the witmay have been a poor observer. What weakens its value is that it is the only sighting of something that seemed to emerge from a solid surface:

"Another mysterious object was reportedly sighted last night [November 8th] by two men driving north of St. Joseph on US-31.

"Joe Davidson, 493 North State Street, St. Joseph, and his brother Ted, 2216 Crawford drive, called The News-Palladium last night to report they had seen a 'fiery ball, about two feet in diameter, rising up out of the highway.'

"Ted Davidson said that at first the ball seemed to be a large ball of snow but, as it got closer, he saw that it had an eerie orange-yellow glow to it.

PAGE TWO THE HOCKLEY COUNTY HERALD, Levelland, Texas, Friday, November 8, 1957

Local Reaction Sampled:

Residents Apparently Convinced Witnesses Here 'Saw Something'

By MAURINE ELKINS
Daily Sun News Staff Writer

Most Levelland people think that witenesses really saw "something" here Saturday night and early Sunday morning, if you can judge by a cross-section of opinion sampled by the Levelland Daily Sun News Monday.

Just what they saw, on the other hand, is a matter of opinion

Was the Levelland phenomenon from outer space? Most people don't seem to think so, although some are quite willing to admit the possibility.

Here are some typical responses from residents who were called to see what they thought about the Levelland phenomenon:

O W. Marcom, supertindent of Schools — "I have thought about it and there must be some reasonable and logical reason for it. If three people saw it at three different spots, it must not have been imaginary. I definitely do not think it was out of space or from Russia A wild guess would be that it is from our government unless it were some natural phenomenon. I think it is utterly ridiculous to even think it was from outer space"

Wilson Copeland of Copeland Hardware Co — "I think they defintely saw something, but I do not have the faintest idea of what it was, possibly a government experiment"

Mrs. C B Edgar, 1312 4th Street — "I don't know what to think, whether it is from our government or from Russia, but I am inclined to believe that it is something from our government"

Bob Buster, Bob's Shoe Store — "I think there is a possibility that it is something material or some type of light phenomenon. I wouldn't be in a position to know I think that science has progressed to the extent that it could be either a mechnaical type craft or it could be some kind of light or reflection If it was a manned craft, it would most likely be our own."

Rev. Ward Gregg, pastor of the First Christian Church — "I don't know what to feel. I think it is entirely within the realm of possibility. It is possibly an experiment being conducted by our own government or some foreign government I do not feel that there is any sabotage connected with it, and certainly no immediate danger as far as accident is concerned. I hope it will awaken the American public to the reality of the dangers of modern day living."

Mrs. Bill Clark, 108 13th Street — "As far as I am concerned I do not question but what the people saw something. It is altogether possible that it could be some of our own developments"

Horace Silmore, Farms Home Administration supervisor — "I think if everything is true, it is due an investigation from higher authorities. If I had my guess I would guess that it is probably some testing device here in the United States."

Dr John Dupre, Phillips - Dupre Hospital, — "That's a good question. I haven't been very excited about it. I certainly feel like those people saw something and something unusual, but I see no reason for getting excited about it All we can do is wait for further development I don't think it is anything from outer space. It might be something of our own that we don't know about I don't see any reason why we should worry about it If the government doesn't want us to know about it, that is their business."

Mrs. Louise Hall, certified public accountant,—"I feel that it is just as possible that people from another planet would visit the earth as that we would be able to place a satellite halfway between us and another planet, and I think we are going to have to gear our thinking to things that we would have thought absolutely ridiculous only a few years ago I think too that there is a goo possibility that it came as a result of some missle that either our government or some other government is testing. I don't think there is any doubt that it was actually seen."

H. H. Mann, Mann-Paxton Insurance Co.—"I really don't have much of an opinion on it. It seems that if so many saw th eobject and are telling the same story that there must be something to it. My My first guess would be that it might have been a reflection from an oil drilling derrick or from flares, or something like that. It is possible that it could have been a reflection from neon signs somewhere, and it could be something from outer space. It sounds pretty authentic."

Dr. Thomas Spencer, presidem South Plains College—"It has been an interesting thing, listening to all the discussion. I just haven't decided how I feel, one way or another. Apparently there was something too many people reported seeing it. Some people in other communities would have seen it if it had been of any major importance"

Members of the Great Lakes Unidentified Flying Objects Association are shown trying to contact Flying Saucers over Lake Michigan last May.

Of Course, They're Saucers--So What?

Flying Object Reports Leave 'Believer' Cold--To Seek Contact

BY EWARD W. BAUMANN

The president of the Great Lakes Unidentified Flying Objects Association has adopted a pretty blase attitude over the latest flurry of flying saucer reports.

"They're definitely saucers—so what?" Norman Jack Maynard of Waukegan said Thursday.

"We knew they were up there all the time."

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"'I circled it twice to make sure it wasn't headlights,' he said. 'Then I saw it was about two feet across and seemed to be coming right up out of the concrete.'

"He said he kept driving down US-31 into Benton Harbor and then, on his way back, saw another similar but larger object at another spot on the highway.

"Mrs. Lorraine Burks, 493 North State Street, St. Joseph, said she remembered seeing a similar object about 10 years ago while driving toward Euclid Center." (62.)

8 November. Waterloo, Iowa. (night)

"30 foot football?" (See clipping)

8 November. Moonwatch vigil.

The date on this was probably November 8th or 9th, most likely the 8th. The existence of an observer team shows how much the Russians had impressed the West. (See clipping)

8 November. Holly, West Virginia. (2:30-10:30 p.m.)

"Flaming hot dog bun."

Coral Lorenzen was not the only big name UFO researcher to personally investigate an interesting UFO case during the November flap.

Gray Barker, editor of The Saucerian Bulletin and author of the book They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers, was fascinated to learn that a "machine" had been observed, relatively close up and with interesting detail, and that the incident had taken place in Baxton County at a site only 10 miles from his home in the town of Sutton.

Loading his brother's truck with tape recording equipment, Barker set out for Holly, West Virginia, where the witnesses lived.

Acting on behalf of Radio Station WCHS, Charleston, Barker knew he would have little trouble arranging interviews.

Barker talked with State Police first because they had been called in to check out the report, specifically Trooper Rodney Belknap who was one of the initial investigators.

It seems seven people were involved in what has been called the "Holly River case." Officier Belknap told Barker it was his impression the witnesses were telling the truth, in fact they seemed a bit frightened by the experience. (63.) The witnesses included: Mr. and Mrs. Hank Mollohan, Jr., Hank Mollohan, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mollohan, Walter Knicely, and Ora Moats.

Hank Mollohan Jr. did most of the talking.

The first sighting. (2:30 p.m.)

The Mollohans were home getting ready to go hunting when the UFO was first spotted. Hank Mollohan Jr. was outside working on his truck when he noticed something strange close to a nearby mountain top. The time was about 2:30 p.m. Hank Jr. yelled to the others to come and see the "thing." Everyone rushed out of the house and on to the porch. A telescopic sight from a hunting rifle was used to get a better look. The thing was estimated to be about a mile away but nothing was heard the whole time it was seen. It could be the distance was a factor in the lack of sound, as well as the fact a wind was blowing.

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STREET SCENE

By Al Starr

WATERLOO had two space ship stories yesterday.

Paul Rutledge 630 Ansborough Ave. told of seeing a strange craft hovering over his home Friday night and lingering a half hour before vanishing to the north with no visible sign of propulsion.

Rutledge described the craft as shaped like a football, about 30 feet long with metal bottom and glass top. A neighbor, Ed Jacobsen, said he saw no object but observed a bright light in the sky that was too big for a star.

A similar report came from Mr and Mrs Marion Habberstad 414 Florence St., who said they first saw it from the Ridgeview Super Valu store parking lot, 2660 Ansborough Ave., and watched it four or five minutes before it disappeared. During the time they watched, the object "dimmed out" three times, they said.

Moon Still Undisturbed By Rockets

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Astronomers who remained glued to their telescopes in a night-long Moonwatch vigil last night found no indication that the Russians had hit the moon with a rocket.

Among those who kept close watch on the moon during its eclipse were astronomers at Las Cruces and Albuquerque.

A team of observers trading off at a 120-power telescope—small enough to contain the entire visible surface of the moon—at Las Cruces included Clyde Tombaugh, Walter Haas, Bradford Smith, Charles F. Capen and Cecil Post.

In Alhuquerque, a team headed by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, director of meteorites at the University of New Mexico, maintained watch. There also were other observers armed with telescopes at various points in New Mexico.

Tombaugh said it would not be possible to spot the rocket on its way toward the moon, since it would, from the angle of the earth, appear to move so slowly that it would not differ in appearance from one of the myriad of stars.

What was seen?

Hank Jr. told Barker. "It looked to be about 40 feet long, more or less in the shape of a hot dog bun. It had portholes around each side --I'd say half a dozen on each side. And there was fire coming out of these portholes." (64.)

Asked about its color, Hank Jr. replied that the thing appeared metallic because there was a glint when the rays of the sun hit it, a kind of aluminum color. The color of the object blended somewhat with the color of the sky but a dark cloud provided a dark background that made the thing easy to see. (65.)

Barker also questioned Hank Sr. about how the UFO looked. The elder Mollohan gave this account:

> "It looked to me just like it was pointed off like a cigar at both ends, and it looked like a division right through the middle of it, with as much white down here as there was above, and I couldn't see no wings, myself." (66.)

The division area was where the "portholes" were. Barker was very curious about the "fire" being emitted and he quized Hank Sr. about it. Hank Sr. told the UFO investigator there was both smoke and fire: "Kind of a blue smoke, looked to me like --best I could tell, and, then like a red blaze of fire." (67.)

From outer space?

Barker couldn't resist bringing up the subject of a possible "space ship visit." The Mollohans, it seems, were not the first to mention the subject. Hank Jr. said he had heard stories of flying saucers and he thought there was something to such reports, but the object he witnessed he believed was some sort of earth-bound project because:

> "...the main reason was the fuel. The way the fuel was burning and everything they'd have to have an awful load of fuel to carry as big a ship as that was and bring it any distance." (68.)

The spokesman for the Mollohan clan, Hank Jr., felt the object was most likely some kind of experimental craft from Maryland's Aberdeen proving grounds, a military test base not far to the east.

What was the UFO up to?

Besides the smoke and fire, another odd aspect to the case was the behavior of the object. Hank Jr. remembers the object's motions as being quite strange: "It would swing kinda like it was trying to get in under the timber, then it would back up. At times I could see both sides of it." (69.) Hank Jr. said it: "...backed up, and it backed out, and he [the supposed pilot], came back again like he was trying to get down in there, and he made the third attempt to come down in them woods right on top of that ridge." (70.) Hank Jr. suggested the object was in trouble. (71.) In any event, the thing suddenly dropped down behind the ridge. Whether it had fallen or landed would be just a guess on the Mollohan's part.

Movement was noticed in the woods where the UFO went down. The Mollohans hiked to a spot where they could see better but were not bold enough to approach the "UFO landing site." (72.) Even though they could see through the

trees, the Mollohan's view was hampered by the onset of night. The hill folk maintained a vigil. There would be more to tell because the Mollohan believed they saw a "man." It was now about 4:30 p.m. (See drawing by Hank Mollohan to the right)

8 November. Portales, New Mexico. (Afternoon)

"It was like nothing I had ever seen before." (See clipping below)

Mystery Object Is Seen Hovering Over Air Base

PORTALES (AP)—A gleaming, round object that seemed to hover motionless over Cannon Air Force Base in broad daylight, and then disappear instantly, was reported sighted Friday afternoon.

The incident was recounted by a driver of a Greyhound bus who asked that his name not be used.

The driver first reported the mysterious incident to State Policeman Jerry Workman who was manning a roadblock in the vicinity at the time. He told of it again Saturday when a reporter met his bus on his return trip through Portales.

"It was like nothing I had ever seen before," said the driver. He described it as round and of an "aluminized color" but not like the metalic color of planes.

He said the object seemed to be some distance away, but he couldn't judge the distance, or the size. There was no evidence of smoke and he didn't see any lights.

The sighting occurred while the bus was approaching Portales from Clovis. The driver said he turned quickly to a sailor who was sitting in the front seat of the bus, to direct his attention to the object.

"When I looked back, it had disappeared," the driver said. He added that he notice several jet planes in the vicinity a few minutes afterward. A spokesman for the Cannon Air Force Base said there was no report of an unidentified flying object on their records for that time, and that the flight of planes was not in connection with any such sighting.

The bus driver says he is certain the object was not a weather balloon nor any conventional aircraft. He is also sure that it was not an illusion caused by a reflection in his windshield. "There was definitely something there, but I couldn't say what it was," he said.

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8 November. San Angelo, Texas. (about 6:00 p.m.)

A flying cigar and Angel Hair.

Reporter Don Coppedge filed this interesting story:

"...a trio of grocer officials returning from Abilene were watching a 'six-foot long' cigar-shaped object play hide and seek above U.S. Highway 277 near Orient.
"Dick Henson, Oscar Tumlinson and Jake Price were driving down the road about 6 p.m. when Price spotted the object. He pointed it out to his companions and the trio watched the spectacle for about two and one half minutes, they said.
"Henson said after they all saw the object they stopped the car to better watch the speed merchant.
"They all agreed they had never seen anything move so fast.
"'It ran off and left the clouds which were floating around,' Henson said.
"Price said at first he thought it was a cloud--but it moved too fast.
"Henson said it appeared twice, at two different levels in the air.
"The object didn't affect the engine of their car and they made it into San Angelo." (73.)

Cobwebs or "Angel Hair."

Coppedge's news story also had this to say:

"Meanwhile, several residents were concerned over weirdly draped cobwebs hanging from utility wires at Irving Street and Beauregard Avenue.
"Twelve-foot strips of cobweb swayed in the breeze between the McBurnett Building and Hemphill Wells and from the sign at Sikes Drug.
"A photographer was dispatched to the scene. He returned with a picture of a telephone pole.
"'You know how thin a thread is,' he complained. 'Well, these cobwebs are thinner than thread." (74.)

8 November. Boerne, Texas. (6:00 p.m.)

All we have on this next case is a bare bones generic report with little information provided.

For what its worth, a witness was outside his house 6:00 p.m. when a UFO was seen. The thing was an orange-red colored egg-shaped object hovering about 12 feet off the ground. The witness watched it for about three minutes and then left to get another person to see the object. When he returned, the object was gone. (75.)

8 November. Carthage, Tennessee. (6:45-9:30 p.m.)

Why Carthage?

A series of UFO sightings that rivaled the Levelland story took place at Carthage, Tennessee, between 6:45-9:30 p.m. Why Carthage was selected for special attention is unknown. There were a lot of witnesses. A press account stated that 12 persons made reports, including five state highway patrolmen and Smith County Sheriff Harper.

At various places around the city of Carthage the evening of November 8th weird objects that defied explanation excited the countryside. News reporters and police were "bogged down" in their attempts to provide a solution to the mystery. It was agreed that people reporting the lights were scrupulously honest and straightforward when questioned. None gave the impression they

were crackpots. The reports submitted were accurate and:

"Their stories are consistent, for the most part, with each other, although many of them don't know each other, and some of them did not realize anyone but themselves had seen the objects." (76.)

Garry Fullerton of the Nashville Tennessean put together this picture of the mystery for the paper's readership:

"Most, though not all, of the witnesses agree on the following decrition of the mysteriuos objects:

-They appear as a flashing or revolving red lights, similar to the lights atop state highway patrol cars and some ambulances.

-They move rather slowly, too slowly to be airplanes, although they occasionally speed up and dart out of sight.

-They hover for fairly long periods of time in one place, generally close to the ground or at treetop level, then fly to another spot and hover again.

-They make absolutely no noise, even when observed at an estimated range of 400 yards." (77.)

8 November. Orgueil, France. (6:30 or 6:45 p.m.)

Flying saucer flys a loop --scares kid.

The original account of this story appeared in the September 1960 issue of Science et Vie, a French publication. A translation was obtained.

In the village of Orgueil in southwest France lived a physical education professor by the name of Boyer. The professor had a son age 7½. Around 6:30, or 6:45, p.m., Mr. Boyer gave his son a bucket and told him to go to a neighbor and brrow some milk. Within minutes the boy returned, weeping. After the parents dried his tears, they asked him what had happened. The story, as explained by an investigator:

"He explained he had seen 'up there,' that is to say in the sky, to the east, a brilliant orange-red thing which had stopped a moment above him, before leaving rapidly 'over there,' that is to say to the south.

"Reaching a ceratain point in the southern horizon, the thing had made 'this,' that is a loop or an oval circuit, then vanished in the sky. The child first petrified, had come home once his errand was accomplished, to the spot from which he had made this observation of the apparittion. After a few seconds the thing reappeared still orange-red, in the northwest at an elevation which Mr. Boyer senior estimated from the indications of his son, to be 70°. The thing rapidly moved to the northwest and vanished as it dropped down on the horizon." (78.)

There was much curiosity as to what the object could have been. The boy was questioned closely as to its appearance and the child was asked to draw

a picture. The drawing was not reproduced in the issue of Science et Vie but a child of 7½ cannot be expected to do a good work of art. Talking to young boy did, however, produce some interesting results:

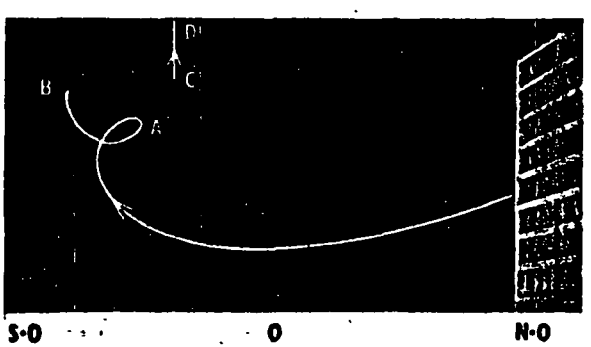
> "The object was circular and had a sort of dome. The base was bright except for dark spots which the child called 'holes' and which were visible only when stopped. The dome was golden yellow. The periphery seemed to rotate first fast, then slow when stopped. Finally it left a short yellow trail. The duration of the first sighting must have been around one minute." (79.)

Enhancing the value of the boy's observation was the fact that it was confirmed by a more qualified observer:

> "At the time young Boyer was leaving his house with his milk bucket, Mr. J.L. Chapuis, technical aide at the National Observatory of Toulouse went out on the terrace to see to see if atmospheric conditions were favorable to photo-electric observations of stars he wanted to undertake.
> "Suddenly, appearing from behind a building located northwest of the observatory, Mr. Chapuis spotted a luminous point of a pretty orange color moving slowly west to his left. The object then climbed, made a loop, climbed again and vanished by going out.
> "Dumfounded, Mr. Chapuis hurriedly set up a small telescope near by. The object soon reappeared slightly to the right, for a few seconds followed a short straight upward path and 'turned out' definitely for Mr. Chapuis at least(line CD on drawing). During this second apparition Mr. Chapuis was able to observe it with field glasses. (80.)

It turned out there was even more confirmation:

> "Very moved Mr. Chapuis reported this to his director Mr. Poloque and to Mr. Bouique astronomer at the same observatory. Mr. Poloque investigated with members of the Astronomical Society living in the south west. He determined that several observers had seen the phenomena in a wide portion of that region east of Toulouse. None of these described the whole sequence such as Mr. Chapuis had seen it. On the other hand, they confirmed, either the disappearance at point B and the reappearance at point C, the BC trajectory being the same, that is to say, the apparent vertical climb." (81.)



L'astronome toulousain M. Chapuis a relevé la trajectoire de l'objet mystérieux du jeune Boyer

8 November. The Mollohan homestead. (7:00 p.m.)

The Mollohans were still maintaining a watch on the "UFO landing site." Occasionally the family believed they could glimpse the object and detect movement among the trees, however it was getting "pretty dusky," as they expressed it. In other words, it was getting darker by the minute.

The family debated calling the police and thus running the risk of being called crazy. Finally, apparently feeling it would be better to talk with authorities in person, the Mollohans drove into town where they met up with two State Troopers, an officer named Coole and officer Rodney Belknap (who later talked to Gray Barker).

The Troopers were willing to investigate and asked the Mollohans to accompany them. The Mollohans, who hadn't been eager to explore the area before, still didn't want to go to the ridgetop, even with the police. The family returned to their home where they resumed their vigil and waited for the police to show up. The time was about 7:00 p.m. (82.)

8 November. Near Edinburgh, Scotland. (night)

"I swear on the Bible it was no balloon."

Edinburgh Farmworkers Say—

"OUR LORRY WAS CHASED BY A FLYING SAUCER!"

INBURGH police were last night investigating a my incident in which a lorryload of women claim to have by a flying saucer along New Hailes Road, betw gh and Edinburgh.

The Sunday Mail, a Scottish National Sunday newspaper, gave over its whole front page to a UFO sighting made near Edinburgh. We do not have that paper but we do have an article from the Glasgow Sunday Post:

"Edinburgh police were last night investigating a mystery incident in which a lorryload of women claim to have been pursued by a flying saucer along New Hailes Road, between Musselburgh and Edinburgh.

"Twelve women and four men were returning from picking brussel sprouts at the Musselburgh nursery on the lorry.

"One of the women spotted a grey, round object about a quarter of a mile above the road. It seemed to be following the lorry.

"Mrs. Mary Horne, 20 Hay Road, Edinburgh, who was on the lorry, described the object as being about the size of a large dining-room table.

"'It was domed top and bottom,' she said, 'and seemed to be a light grey colour. It could be seen easily against the black sky.'

"'As the object followed us about a quarter of a mile high in the sky, one of the women became hysterial. We were all white and shaking.'

"'The object seemed to be coming lower all the time. That's what made us so scared. It followed us for between five and ten minutes.'

"'At one point it hovered in the sky for a few seconds then moved off again in the direction of Portobello while the lorry continued in the opposite direction.'" (83.)

A civilian UFO investigator representing the English publication Flying Saucer Review, learned additional details. It seems the farmworkers were singing and joking when the "saucer" swept in from over the North Sea (actually the Firth of Forth), reaching a point of less than 60 feet behind the lorry where it followed the vehicle for a brief time (this would better explain the strong reaction of the farmworkers), and then the UFO abruptly stopped. The UFO then zoomed away, leaving a double trail of vapor.

One of the workers, Mary Horne, said: 'I swear on the Bible it was no ballon..." (84.)

The British Air Ministry was not about to suggest such an explanation: "Whatever it was, it was not a plane or a meteorological balloon. We have tried hard to get an explanation for this strange business, but so far we have been unsuccessful. It is quite baffling." (85.)

8(9?) November. Itaipu Fortress, Brazil.

More on the amazing "UFO attack" on the Brazilian Fortress of Itaipu, as compiled by Olavo Fontes, can be found in that section of the doctor's writings that concern events subsequent to the "attack."

According to Fontes' sources, some days (exact date unknown) after the "attack" a joint American-Brazilian military team arrived at the Fortress to investigate. The two burned sentries were of special interest to the team. The injured soldiers were flown to Rio on a military aircraft. Fontes' sources also asserted that the soldiers ended up at the Army's Central Hospital where they were completely isolated from the other patients. (86.) Something very similar happened to the American Rene Gilham.

The Rene Gilham case revisited.

Back on November 6th the sensational Rene Gilham case made most every newspaper. Gilham, a 33-year-old ironworker that lived near Merom, Indiana, had been bathed with a red light as 40 foot, brightly-luminous, object hovered over his farm. Within 24 hours Gilham developed a strange skin rash on his face. His physician, Dr. Joseph Dukes, diagnosed a real burn similar to that caused by exposure to an arc welder for an extended period of time.

An article in Fate magazine (March 1958) gives a different, more detailed, version of how Gilham was "shot." It was stated the UFO:

"...hovered directly over their [the Gilham family] heads for about 10 minutes. One of Gilham's neighbors also watched the thing. When

the neighbor and Mrs. Gilham and children went into the house, Gilham stayed out in the yard, looking up at the strange disc which shot occasional bluish beams of light toward him. At the end of about 10 minutes the thing made a noise like a high speed electric motor, rose swiftly and streaked away." (87.)

8 November. Gilham's condition.

Two days after his UFO experience, Gilham's condition became worse. The man was rushed to Mary Sherman Hospital in the city of Sullivan where the staff told reporters no visitors were allowed. Information regarding Gilham's physical condition was also denied newsmen. The Terre Haute Tribune found out that the "military" had been informed about Gilham's problem, but it was not learned who insisted Gilham be held incommunicado. (88.)

8 November. Authorities finally interview Olden Moore. (8:00 p.m.) (See clipping)

8 November. The Mollohan homestead. (10:00 or 10:30 p.m.)

The State Troopers arrive.

While the Mollohans stayed at the base of the ridge, on a road that ran along the river, they yelled directions to the police as the lawmen climbed to the "landing site." The Troopers found nothing.

Gray Barker questioned Hank Jr. about some loose ends to the case. For example, the man's brother had seen something besides a figure or saucer on the ridge so Barker requested some clearification. Hank Jr. said his brother, looking through field glasses from a place on Old Taylor Bottom Road, had spotted a "pole" or "long rod" on the ridge. The "pole," or whatever, had a "thing" on its top which revolved much like a radar device. Is that what the "figure" was doing on the ridge? Was some kind device set up for some purpose? And as for the "figure," rumors made the rounds that the Mollohans had seen some "little men," but Hank Jr. said that was not true. As far as he could tell, the "figure" was normal and there was nothing special about how the "figure" was dressed. Barker pressed him on this and Hank had to admit the distance was so great it was hard to be sure about such details. Perhaps the "figure" was on the small side.

Other witnesses to the incident aside from the Mollohans, were named but Barker apparently learned little of the circumstances and other particulars. An exception was a man named "Cougar" or "Gibson," (the Hollohans were not sure which) who lived on Gibson Ridge, an area about two miles north of the "landing site." It seems it was "Cougar/Gibson" who contacted the Hollohans and not the other way around. The man drove over to the Mollohans the day following the UFO incident to ask what they had seen. Evidently the man wanted to confirm a sighting of his own. Unfortunately none of the men folk were home when "Cougar/Gibson" stopped by. A message was left with one of the women but no one, evidently, followed up on this lead. (89.)

8 November. Amarillo, Texas. (10:00 p.m.)

"Saucer chase?"

The rest of the evening was fairly quiet. There was some more activity reported from the Amarillo area but that was about it:

'Thingnik' Sighter Finally Tells Tale Of Mysterious Landing to Sheriff

By PAUL COLEBROOK

Olden Moore of Huntsville, whose wife reported his sighting the landing of an unidentified flying object in the Hart rd. — Route 86 area Wednesday night, appeared at Geauga County Sheriff's office yesterday at 8 p.m. to make his personal report official for the first time.

Moore was located at his home yesterday afternoon by Geauga Sheriff Deputy Alton Brockway, ending a two-day search for him.

Met at the Sheriff's office by Lake and Geauga county civil defense officials and Col. Leroy Johns, civil defense director of the 5th area, Moore volunteered his information and answered all questions put to him by the various investigators.

According to Kenneth Locke, Lake county civil defense director, Moore described what he had seen as follows:

Car Did Not Stall

He was driving to his Huntsville home from Painesville at about 11 p. m.

As he approached the intersection of Route 86 and Hart rd. he noticed a large bright shining object passing across the sky, coming downward across his path.

His car did not stall as was originally reported.

He pulled the car to the side of the road and turned off the engine when the object stopped, hovering close to the ground in the field at the intersection of the two roads.

Getting out of his car, he walked within 200 feet of the round object that measured about 50 feet across and had a small cone-like top on it. Moore, according to Locke, estimated the overall height of the object to be between 20 and 30 feet.

The only sound made by the UFO was comparable to the sound of a meter's ticking

Thingnik Had Legs

Moore said that the object appeared to be standing on legs of some kind, as he could see underneath and all around it. It was very bright and phosphorescent in color. There were no windows that he could notice.

Returning to his car, he drove the remaining six miles to his home, explained what he had seen to his wife and returned with her to the scene. By that time the object was gone.

Locke said that Moore's comment was, "If anyone had told me 24 hours before that there was

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anything but imagination to these flying saucer reports, I would never have believed it. Now, I'm convinced."

Unhesitatingly, according to Locke, Moore drew a picture of the object for the investigating officials.

Explaining his disappearence during the past two days, Moore said that he had been driving around thinking over what he had seen, uncertain about whether his reporting the incident would seem credible to anyone else.

A plasterer, Moore lives in Huntsville on Route 528 about one and one-half miles north of Route 322 with his wife Zelma and their four children, Gary, 7; Larry, 5; Ronald, 3; and Lanny, 1 year old

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"The Dave Britton family at 34th and Fleetwood said they watched 'an airplane chasing a flying saucer in the southwest sky' from their picture window for over 30 minutes, starting about 10;00 p.m." (90.)

8 November. Canyon, Texas. (11:05 p.m.)

An Amarillo paper printed:

"Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Rogers of 1111 First Ave., and Gerald Free of Canyon were the first of several people to report seeing a blinking red light east of Canyon at 11:05 p.m.

"They reported to the Randall County Sheriff's office that the light was bigger than lights on an airplane and that it would move across the sky, then stop and hover for a short time." (91.)

9 November. Another big day.

9 November. Southeast of Midland, Texas. (2:00 a.m.)

Did two men try to hoax a Mrs. Wilson? The woman was badly frighten and confused. Who can say what really took place. (See.clipping below)

'GLOWING LIKE RED LIGHTS SHINING ON IT'—

Woman's Car Hits 'Whatnik'

A lone woman motorist reported to police Friday she crashed through a mysterious, brilliantly-lighted object shortly after 2 a.m. on a deserted stretch of highway 30 miles southeast of Midland in Glasscock County.

"Two men ran from it just as I reached the object and it collapsed," reported Mrs. Mrs. Edith Joyce Wilson of San Angelo, almost hysterical as she reached Midland.

"A few seconds later something—I guess it was an automobile, but it had a brilliant red light—pulled in behind me and chased me four or five miles."

Glasscock Sheriff Buster Cox investigated immediately with Deputy Otto Dozier.

"We searched the entire area from 2:30 until about 4:30 but we couldn't find a trace of anything," he reported.

Mrs. Wilson insisted she had seen and hit something but admitted it might have been someone playing a prank—in the light of widespread reports of mysterious objects.

"It was such a nice night. I was driving along enjoying the radio and I must have been five miles this side of Garden City," she said.

"I had my lights dim and suddenly I saw something in front of me that looked like . . . well, I don't know what it looked like.

"It was glowing red like red lights were shining on it. Just as I reached it, it collapsed in front of me and I felt my car hit something.

"Two men ran from it, one on each side of the road. At first I thought I had hit someone as it went under my car, but I guess I didn't. I don't think I would have stopped anyway.

"Immediately, I saw something pull onto the road behind me, with a brilliant red light shining through my rear window.

"I've been traveling 25 years and I've even been held up at the point of a gun. But I never had anything scare me half as much as this did."

She said she drove more than 65 miles an hour before the vehicle behind her apparently gave up the chase.

She said the object wasn't as big as a house "but it probably looked twice as big as it really was, I was so scared."

Big Springs, Texas.
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9 November. Abilene, Texas. (early morning)

"Moved slow --nearly hovering."

A spokesman of a trucking company declared:

"Billy Merie Hill, partner in the Bristow Trucking Company, said in a telephone call here that he had observed two unidentified flying objects early Saturday morning at Abilene, Texas, where his company's empolyes were moving an oil rig.

"Hill said he could not determine the size or shape of the objects which had red, yellow and green lights and flew at about 4,000 feet. He reported spotting two objects while inside Abilene and followed one of them one hour and five minutes in his car until dawn when it left 'in a flash.'

"The objects were described as moving at slow speed, nearly hovering, as they separated and Hill followed one of them on a road to Bronte, Texas.

"Hill gave the information to a company employe, John Kinkead, about 10:20 a.m. Saturday when he telephoned the company office here for trucking information." (92.)

9 November. Checking on Stokes.

Don Boyett of The Amarillo News-Globe spent the morning wandering about the town of Alamogordo trying to get a new angle on the Stokes case. He took note that "barber shop talk" was mostly about the Alamogordo-Roswell High School football game to be played that evening, and the opening of the deer season, but with almost no urging UFOs would become the main topic of conversation.

James Stokes, a 46-year-old retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, had been in town for 18 months working on high-altitude guided missile experiments (the Air Force's Airobee rocket). Stokes was not then available for any interview since he was needed out on the test range at Holloman AFB, so Boyett sought out the friends the engineer had made during his time spent in Alamogordo, and other people who knew the ex-Navy man well --like fellow workers.

It was found that Stokes was well thought of by everyone. Especially impressive was a well-known government scientist who had known Stokes for years and who said Stokes was very reliable.

The townspeople, though, were asking each other about where the other witnesses to the incident could be, the people Stokes claimed had been parked on the roadside that memorable day: a "Mr. Duncan" of Las Cruces," who supposedly took pictures with a 35 mm camera; and an "Allan Baker" from White Sands Proing Ground. Dozens of newsmen besides Boyett were beating the bushes for these men. All Boyett could learn was that rumors said "Mr. Duncan" was a rancher with property just outside of town, while "Mr. Baker" was a White Sands physicist.

Boyett also reviewed the issue of "burns" said to have turned Stoke's face a red color. At 4:00 in the afternoon the day following his sighting, Stokes appeared at the Holloman base hospital complaining of fatigue --and not burns. Why was that?

Reporter Terry Clarke of KALG radio Alamogordo, conferred with Boyett, pointing out that PFC James Wilbanks, one of the four young MPs at White Sands that had encountered a UFO, was also said to have suffered some ill-effects. Clarke was suspicious of the military. PFC James Wilbanks was the MP in question, and the word was that Wilbanks had a slight cold. Clarke told Bovett:

"But I don't believe that story. I called out there to find out what was wrong with him and before I told the officer which one I was inquiring about he said 'Oh,no. That's impossible, he's on leave." (93.)

Summing up his story, datelined Alamogordo, Boyett wrote:

"Probably the greatest number of believers in this whole affair are the technical men working at bases near here. They are working in a field of tomorrow and to them nothing is impossible.
"It is the interest of these people and the official Air Force that really cinches the belief of many.
"'If there is nothing to the stories like they say (the Air Force), why do they come running every time to investigate?' they ask.
"'Why are they so quick to deny everything? Why did they issue orders at Holloman and White Sands this week that no one was to talk to outsiders on these subjects. Why can't we find the others who were with Stokes?'
'The feeling of the public here was aptly displayed by Friday's edition of the Alamogordo Daily News. On page one was bannered a story of another UFO sighting. On page nine a Pentagon denial that there are such things." (94.)

Boyett had this thought to share with his readers:

'What do I think?

"I came here hoping to see one of the things first hand. I didn't see it. But like every other newsman here for the same purpose believes, there are just too many pieces to throw out the window." (95.)

An anonymous Alamogordo man probably put it better when he declared that he used to laugh at people who reported flying saucers and such, but then he would have laughed at the idea of little artificial moons orbiting the earth with dogs inside.

"Looked like a star."

The Santa Fe New Mexican also had a man poking around southern New Mexico and he managed to gleem a few interesting tidbits from here and there. A case in point had to do with the second UFO sighting at Stallion Site located at the lonely tip of the vast White Sands Proving Ground. MPs Forest Oaks and Henry Barlow elaborated on how the UFO they observed disappeared from view. They said the UFO rose quickly: "...going up so far, finally, that it looked like a star." (96.) Another fragment was that someone did some figuring and found that the time period between the first sighting at Stallion Site and the second sighting there was 17 hours, moreover, the Stokes sighting was 17 hours after the second Stallion Site sighting. Does that mean anything? Who knows? Still another bit of information was a complete account of what happened just before Stokes spotted the UFO near the town on Orogrande. The first indication something strange was about to take place, according to Stokes, was the fading out of the car's radio. Said Stokes:

"I turned the volumne up, but the signal kept fading. I thought maybe it was a fuse going out, or something. Next, he noticed that the engine was beginning to miss, growing worse until it finally stalled. Coasting to a stop, he pulled in behind about six other southbound cars parked erratically at the side of the road. Their occupants were out, pointing to the sky." (97.)

9 November. Coatzacoalcos, Mexico. (early morning)

"White blanket?"

Undated newsclipping with information compiled from wire services: "...at the Mexican port of Coatzacoalcos, early risers reported seeing a strange luminous object hover over the city for a full minute, press dispatches said. It was described as a white blanket 150 feet long and 60 feet wide." (98.)

9 November. Lafayette, Louisiana. (9:15 a.m.)

"Silver dollar in the sky."

The possibility of something strange in the sky in the deep south received support from observers better qualified than the many average folks phoneing the newspapers. Here is what the press had to say:

> "A 38-year-old Eastern Airlines pilot with 16 years experience in the air said Saturday he spotted an unidenified object in the sky southeast of Lafayette.
> "He is Truman Gile, 38, Miami, Fla., who said the object was also seen by his co-pilot James E. Hall, 30, Bartsville, Okla., his stewardess, Jean Mayor, Jonesboro, Ark., and two EAL ground agents at the Lafayette Airport (between Lafayette and New Iberia).
> "Gile, Captain of EAL Flight 562, said he was in the cockpit of the plane preparing to take off for New Orleans when he saw a 'great big silvery, shiny rounded object.'
> "'It looked as if it was a fairly good distance away. I saw it for three full minutes, and it didn't move." (99.)

Captain Gile was asked if the thing could have been a balloon. He replied:

> "...the air currents were too strong at the time to have permitted a balloon to hover motionless as did this object.
> "'It didn't move a bit,' he said, 'and we had lined it up with a tree.'" (100.)

The Eastern pilot was also asked about the object's altitude. Captain Gile could only guess: "Gile said it was impossible to estimate. But, he continued, it appeared to hover just beneath a layer of clouds at about 20,000 feet altitude. (101.)

To finished the story:

> "'Finally I [Giles] mentioned it to my co-pilot, the stewardess and the ground agents. They all saw it,' he said.
> "The pilot said the group observed the 'shiny' object for five minutes before it finally 'faded away.'
> "'It just went away,' Gile explained. 'It didn't move from its position. Suddenly it just wasn't there any more.'
> "The Miami flier said he had never seen anything like it before and 'I never want to see anything like it again. People will think I'm nuts.'" (102.)

The small Tennessee UFO flap that hit a peak on the 8th continued into the 9th with an amazing daylight encounter near the town of Humbolt. The reports filed on the 8th mention mysterious lights that appeared to be attached to

Veteran Pilot Spots 'Object' At Lafayette

shiny silver dollar in the sky," pilot Truman Gile, left, from Lafayette en route reported to the Air n by stewardess ntified object

Pilot Sees Object At Lafayette

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CAPT. TRUMAN GILE JR.

solid objects. Nothing seems to have been clearly seen. The Humbolt case was different --quite different.

9 November. Humboldt, Tennessee. (9:30 p.m.) (See clipping below)

"The horse became nervous. The silver brads on the bridle cast a bright reflection."

Strange Object Is Sighted Near Here

Terry Blurton 20, is known to his neighbors in the Mason Grove area as a quiet, serious young man—not given to reckless statements.

For that reason, when Blurton called Humboldt Police Chief Luther Ellison Saturday to report the sudden appearance of a strange, glittering object above his head in a remote rural area, the police chief listened carefully and gave full credit to what the young man had to say

Blurton gave a calm, reasoned report to Chief Ellison on the unidentified object, and later, under close questioning by a reporter, repeated his impressions in detail and without alteration.

"I was riding my horse, Tony, to my grandmother's house about 9:30 a. m. and was only about a half mile from there when my attention was attracted by a sudden nervousness in Tony's behavior," Blurton said.

The horse was trembling, and tossing his head. "The silver brads on Tony's bridle were casting a bright reflection, so I looked up. There, only about 175 to 200 feet above my head, was a round, silver object, glittering in the sun It was whirling round and round, but hovering in one spot."

Blurton's first action was fear He stayed in that spot "only about a minute," long enough to note that the object was egg-shaped and about the size of two rooms and then spurred Tony off to a fast run toward his grandparents' home.

His grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Gayle C. Blurton, aroused by Terry's excited shouts, came out in time to see the object, still hovering over the spot where it had first been sighted

Young Blurton's two cousins, Patricia Frank, 16, and Linda Frank, 15, who were visiting their grandparents also saw it

From the vantage point of his grandparents' home — half a mile away, the object still looked round, but more flattened out on top, Blurton said.

It hovered for a few minutes while all five members of the Blurton family watched, and then began to rise, he said. At an altitude of several thousand feet, it made "one small circle," and then continued to rise until it was lost from sight.

Blurton noted only two features about the object, other than its glittering, silver appearance. "There was a small black object underneath the sphere, and a low sound, something between a moan and a whistle, could be heard."

He said that when the object started to rise, this sound became slightly louder, but was still not loud.

Blurton refused to hazard a guess as to the explanation of the object "All I know is what I saw," he said.

Humboldt, Tenn.
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9 November. About 20 miles north of Pueblo, Colorado. (11:00 a.m.)

"Mysterious cigar." (See clipping on the next page)

Unidentified Objects Reported Over Pueblo

Two sightings of unidentified flying objects from Pueblo Saturday reportedly triggered an air search of this area by a B-52 jet bomber.

Harold G. Reed, executive director of Pueblo County Civil Defense organization, said that one of the reports was filed by a Colorado State Patrolman at 11 a. m. and the other by an engineer at radio station KGHF.

The engineer reported the sighting from the station site on the Canon City Highway early this morning.

Sighting by the patrolman is said to have been of a cigar-shaped object in the sky about 20 miles north of Pueblo toward Colorado Springs. The object was in the distance.

It is said to have hovered for about five minutes, then was seen to accelerate and move along the horizon toward Pueblo. Its movement south was termed "at a tremendous speed."

The object reportedly did not go out of sight over the horizon but instead disappeared.

Other reports late in the morning indicated that many planes were in the Pueblo area today—some of them jets from Northern Colorado Air Force bases.

They were continuing the search for a single engine charter plane from Denver which has been overdue for 24 hours on a trip to Salida.

Unconfirmed Civil Air Patrol reports at noon said plane wreckage had been sighted at the 13,000 foot level on the west side of Pike's Peak.

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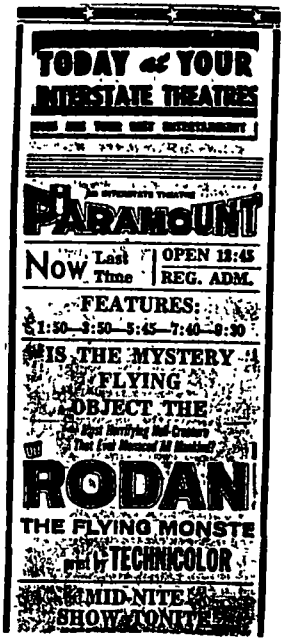

9 November. Province of Entre Rios, Argentina. (10:55 a.m.)

"Rare luminous bodies."

Translation of Spanish text:

"Four rare luminous bodies fly over La Paz, Entre Rios. Parana-Luminous bodies were seen over the La Paz department in this province [of Entre Rios] by the towns of La Paz, San Gustavo, Conscripto Bernardi, and Santa Ines. The population observed yesterday at 10:55 a.m. four UFOs with a brilliant tail moving at high altitude from North to South over 40° of the horizon, at such high speed that in 10-12 minutes they were out of sight according to the persons who observed them."

UFOS OVER THE ARGENTINE PROVINCE OF ENTRE RIOS.-

Cuatro Raros Cuerpos Luminosos Vieron Volar en La Paz, Entre Ríos

PARANA — Fueron vistos cuerpos brillantes sobre el departamento de La Paz, en esta provincia, en las localidades La Paz, San Gustavo, Conscripto Bernardi y Santa Inés. Los pobladores observaron a las 10.55 de ayer, cruzar a gran altura, cuatro cuerpos no identificados con una larga estela brillante, a una visual de 40 grados sobre el horizonte, desplazándose de Norte a Sur, a tal velocidad que a los diez o doce minutos se perdieron de vista, según las personas que los observaron.

Clipping from the Buenos Aires newspaper "La Razón" of November 10th, 1957.-

C. O. D. O. V. N. I.
Casilla de Correo 2560
BUENOS AIRES (Argentina)

9 November. Australia.

No longer scoffs.

A few days prior to the Levelland flap, Professor Sir Kerr Grant, an eminent Australian scientist, lectured about UFO reports in a debunking matter, telling everyone such sightings were the result of illusions or wishful thinking. A week later a stunned professor Grant was forced to admit: "The latest reports made one feel uneasy." (103.)

9 November. A few miles south of Bedford, Indiana. (no time)

According to a front page story in the Bedford Times-Mail, rewritten for an article in an issue of Fate magazine, a Mr. Bert Collins was driving along when:

> "As he crossed a bridge over the White River a few miles south of Bedford, Collins reported, he noticed a bright light rising from low ground beside the road. He stopped his car on a hilltop, snatched binoculars from the glove compartment and got a good look at the thing. In the drawing he made for the newspaper, the object is shown as having a flat bottom, shallow rim and shallow rounded dome on top. The front end of the dome glowed red, he said, and the rear was white like a fluorescent light.
> "The thing finally moved rapidly away at low altitude and disappeared behind the hills." (104.)

9 November. Marian, Alabama. (no time)

A brief news clipping informs us:

> "The fireball passing over the Tupelo area apparently closely resembled one seen earlier by Sgt. B.B. Smith a 40-year-old Army career man, who sighted a glowing sphere near Marion, Alabama.
> "He estimated it to be thirty or forty feet across. He noticed the object after his automobile engine suddenly became overheated..." (105.)

9 November. "Orders to shoot."

The Air Force said on November 9th its pilots had orders to shoot down any "unidentified craft" if it was "hostile." This order did not apply to the so-called flying saucers since no such thing has ever been seen by the Air Defense Command [!?], according to a Pentagon spokesman. (106.)

9 November. Sacramento, California. (3:30 p.m.)

A letter writer to Keyhoe's NICAP organization informed the Washington group that at 3:30 p.m. November 9th she observed three disc-shaped brilliant objects. Two of the objects were: "...going up and down like yo-yo's on a string." (107.) A third object was circling between the other two. The witness, a Mrs. Meyer, had the presence of mind to carefully note that at arm's length the discs appeared to be the size of silver dollars. After about a minute and a half the objects suddenly disappeared, "like turning off a light," she said. (108.)

9 November. Near Carrizozo, New Mexico. (7:20 p.m.)

Lights fail. (See clipping on next page)

Those Things Are Here Again!

Tularosans Report Mystery Light

By JOHN REECE

TULAROSA — Those unidentified flying "things" are still with us —

Last Sunday, Nov. 10, at 7:20 p.m., four reliable adult witnesses and four children saw a mysterious object fly over and then disappear in mid-air.

Dan King, III, Mrs Dan King, his mother, Mrs. Rex Hobson, and two children; and Mrs Lyle Bishop and two of her children all saw the object from a point on the road from White Oaks to Tularosa about six miles north of Carrizozo, according to Mrs Hobson.

"The first sign of the thing we noticed was the dimming of the car's lights," related Mrs. Hobson "Then the lights went out," she continued, "and after a short time blinked on again and then off."

Suspecting what the trouble was, they all got out of the car

And There It Was!

"What I saw was a brightly lit thing over a mountain to our north It had a blue white haze under it," she stated matter-of-factly.

No estimate of altitude, size or speed was made, but Mrs. Hobson did remember one very odd thing noted by all of the party.

"It was traveling away from us," she recalled, "but it didn't go behind the mountain or over the horizon The light simply went out."

When interviewed, Mrs Hobson seemed quite calm about the incident.

"I have no idea what it was," she stated, "but I'm not worried about the things, whatever they are. I think they are American made."

Auto Undamaged

As in other cases, the King car, a '57 Ford station wagon, was not damaged. When tried again after the passing of the high-flying light, the car lights worked perfectly.

After a lull of a few days, this area had seemed to be neglected by the flying what-ever-they-are gadgets. The last sighting before this incident occurred the previous Thursday, when Byron Lindsey saw another one (or perhaps the same one?) a few miles from Orogrande.

All readers are strongly urged to call the local newspaper office, Hemlock 7-7120 as soon as possible after any future sightings.

Most of the people interviewed recently, and most of them have not seen anything which might be called a "flying saucer," are in agreement on at least one thing: people are seeing something, even if we don't know what it is yet.

Alamogordo N.M. Daily News Nov 15 1957

9 November. Tupelo, Mississippi. (8:15 p.m.)

Twin UFOs. (See clipping below)

Twin Fireballs Soar Over Tupelo Area; Seen Passing Near Verona

The cruising fireball that was seen by more than a dozen persons around the Mid-South over the week-end soared over Verona, about six miles south of Tupelo, Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock, according to Junior Edge, machinist at the Daily Journal.

Mr. Edge, driving north on Highway 45, said he saw two large glowing spheres off to the right as he entered the southern edge of Verona.

He quickly pulled off the highway, got out, and watched twin fireballs, which seemed to be fused together, soar directly overhead at a height he estimated to be somewhere around 500 feet.

Mr. Edge said that though the fireballs seemed to be going faster than an airplane, they made no sound as they moved.

He estimated them to be perhaps 50 or 60 feet across and were so joined that they moved as a unit.

It was this description of the fireballs which indicated that persons who had earlier described the orange glow as being cigar-shaped were probably seeing the same twin fireballs but at an angle which would make them appear as one elongated blob of light. And it was apparent that the twin fireballs would appear as only one to persons observing them directly away. This was the view obtained by one Jackson motorist Saturday night and by a group of four Yazoo City women who watched a reddish ball move away from them for about 15 minutes Friday night.

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9 November. Bedford, Indiana. (a little after 9:00 p.m. & about 9:25 p.m.)

Besides the sighting by Bert Collins at White River bridge, two more sightings were made in the Bedford area on the 9th. It was suggested that both of these new reports were of the same object, moreover, both of these two reports mention car trouble.

"I'm not crazy!, I'm telling you what I saw."

The first of the two cases involved three female witnesses: Hattie Logie, Loren Turley, and Pauline Baxter. The other case had as witnesses a Mr. Watson Merry and his girl friend Pauline Baxter. The second report is given in detail in the second news clipping. (See clippings on page 68)

The Bedord sightings prove that the UFO wave was still going strong. Newsman and UFO lecturer/author Frank Edwards remembered this period vividly. He said he received hundreds of letters and phone calls reporting sightings of UFOs.* According to Edwards: "...most of them end up saying: "I used to be a skeptic but not now!" (110.)

9 November. Paducah, Kentucky. (9:03 p.m.)

The local newspaper, the Sun-Democrat, printed:

"Another report of a strange flying object was heard last night, this time from near Paducah.
"Buddy Hicks, 16, of Lone Oak, telephoned the Sun-Democrat to report that he and Jerry Houser, also 16 and also of Lone Oak, saw the 'thing' at 9:03 p.m. seven miles from Paducah on the Old Mayfield Road.
"Like similar reported objects in Texas, this one caused the motor and lights of the boy's auto to go out, said Hicks.
"He described it as [...newsclipping damaged]...as a moon, 'circling in about 500 feet in the air and making a 'shuddering' sound. It gave off a red and blue glow, the boy said.
"It was as big as an airplane, said Hicks, but he was sure it wasn't one. He said he and Houser watched it for about two minutes until it rose out of sight. Then the car motor and lights came back on." (111.)

9 November. Kansas City, Kansas. (night)

"A Busy Night In The Sky."

According to the Kansas City Star:

"Bright flying objects of varying sizes and colors, headed in just about every direction, were reported shooting over Kansas City and nearby communities again last night, but again there was no explanation as to their existence or character.
"The weather bureau reported the telephone in its office rang constantly with such reports. Some of the objects were yellowish, others golden, and still others white. Some were as large as the moon. Some traveled slowly while others sped across the skies.
"'If they're men from Mars,' said a weary forecaster, 'they

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* The files and personal papers of the late Frank Edwards were purchased by Frank E. Stranges. He has reserved the material for his planned book and film projects.

Spots UFO And Car Engine Dies

Another report of an automobile engine dying when its driver spotted an unidentified flying object was received today by the Times-Mail, and yesterday, International News Service reported from Sullivan, Ind., that a 33-year-old man there was scheduled to be released from the hospital after treatment for serious burns he says he received while watching a "shiny object" which hovered over his home.

Watson Merry, Route 1 Mitchell, says in a letter received today by the Times-Mail that he and his girl friend were driving down State Road 60 about 9:25 Saturday night and were about a mile and a half from the old Georgia Quarry when they spotted a large blue light high in the sky to the south

Makes Curve

"It made a curve and came down a little ways, leaving a bluish trail behind it," said Mr. Merry, reporting that "at the same time, the motor on my 1956 Chevrolet went dead for about 15 to 20 seconds. After that, it started again and has run perfect since then."

Continuing, Merry state in his letter "We are sure the object we saw is the same one that the ladies saw that I read about in the Times-Mail issue Monday night We didn't report this before now, because we thought people would think we were silly."

Previously Reported

The ladies Mr Merry referred to are Hattie Logie, Loren Turley and Pauline Baxter. They claim they saw a UFO over Bedford Saturday night and it seemed to drop to the ground behind Ingalls Stone Mill a little after 9 o'clock. As it did so, the engine in their car died and remained still until the object tok off a few seconds later.

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Three Women Say Motor In Car Dies As They Chase Unidentified Flying Object

The unidentified flying objects that kill the motors on cars and leave witnesses wondering if "little green men" are coming, have finally gotten to Bedford—at least there are three Bedford women who think so

Hattie Logie, Loren Turley and Pualine Baxter, claim they saw such an object and followed it halfway across town Saturday night before it dropped to the ground and caused the motor on their new car to die.

Mrs Logie, who came into police headquarters about 9:30 Saturday night, told Det. Sgt. Ernie Mathews and Captain Andy Lake: "I'm not crazy!, I'm telling you what I saw"

Her story was this, as related by the two officers. (The Times-Mail was unable to contact any of the three women this morning.)

Near 7th And R

A little after 9 p.m. Saturday, the three were in the Logie car near the intersection of Seventh and R streets A strange blue and white object loomed above and behind the Free Methodist Church

It doesn't appear to be landing although it was low.

Suddenly, it veered off southwest, still not high in the black sky. The women turned their car to follow it, two of them watching while the third drove

They pursued the object to the west end of Twelfth street in the Harold Howell Sub-Division where it appeared to drop behind the Ingall's Stone Mill beside Spider Creek.

As it got closer to the ground, Mrs Logie said the engine on her car died And it wouldn't start again until a few seconds later when the object reappeared behind the mill ascending into the sky

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haven't contacted us yet.' Then he added, 'and the Martians are about the only ones who have not called us tonight.'" (112.)

10 November. Another day of UFOs.

10 November. Madison, Ohio. (1:25 a.m.)

"Close encounter." The Letia Kuhn story. Very strange effects.

Details given here come from different sources.

When Letia Kuhn told her neighbors a flying saucer had hovered over her property early in the morning of November 10th, the neighbors thought she was joking and refused to take her seriously. Intimidated, Mrs. Kuhn held off telling anyone else until November 25th. Experiencing trouble with her eyes, Mrs. Kuhn went to a doctor. The doctor urged her to contact Kenneth Locke, Director of the Lake County Civil Defense Corps (Locke had been one of the investigators of the widely publicized Olden Moore UFO incident which took place less than 20 miles from the Kuhn residence on South Ridge Road in the city of Madison). Locke interviewed Mrs. Kuhn and the interview was printed in the Painesville, Ohio, Telegraph. News of the sighting spread.

The obvious first question was why Mrs. Kuhn was outdoors in the middle of the night in snowy, windy weather conditions? The answer was simple. She said she was worried about her dogs in a backyard kennel. The stove keeping the animals warm was not working right. Mrs. Kuhn said she:

"...walked to the dog kennel to check on a badly overheated stove. It was 'red hot.' She threw dead ashes inside to put out the fire, but the heat was almost unbearable. She decided she would have to evacuate the 'most valuable dogs to the house' first: four Doberman Pinschers and seven Dachshunds. Then she removed the others in crates. Making herself a cup of tea to ward off a chill, she kept a vigil on the kennel, probably fearing a fire, and wondering whether she should call for help." (113.)

After some time, Mrs. Kuhn wanted to make another trip to the kennel:

"It was 1:20 a.m. All was well. As I shut the kennel door I realized it was light outside....There was no moon, stars, or clouds. It had stopped snowing. I stepped away from the kennel and there in back about 60 feet above the ground was a huge glowing object.'

"The strange object was about 40 feet wide and approximately 10 feet thick. It had a dome. The top was brighter than the bottom, which appeared to be emitting 'white puffy clouds....'" (114.)

Locke asked Mrs. Kuhn if she had seen any opening in the object like portholes or trap doors. Mrs. Kuhn answered: "About halfway up there looked as if there might be windows around it, but the light was so bright I really couldn't say for sure." (115.)

The thing was phosphorous in color. (116.) In fact, when it came to C.W. Fitch's turn to talk with Mrs. Kuhn, she remarked: "...a small tractor standing in the back yard, and which was almost under the object, glowed as if it had been painted with phosphorus." (117.)

Mrs. Kuhn continued with her story

"My eyes burned so I closed them. Orange sparks seemed to glow every time I closed my eyes...The cloudy puffs at the bottom, extended twice as far as when I noticed it first. The brilliance was beyond description...Something about this puffy cloud-like exhaust slipping out...and yet growing in length just unnerved me [Did something happen she couldn't remember?]." (118.)

Locke inquired: "Did you feel any heat, smell any odor or hear any noise?" (119.) Mrs. Kuhn answered:

"I did not feel any heat, but for some reason I did not feel cold, and all I had on was a very light sweater. My sleeves were rolled up, and it was cold outside, but I was not aware of being cold.

"I did not notice any odor nor did I hear any noise. But while I was watching it, my hand seemed to be going up in front of my face for no reason at all and my head kept going down." (120.)

Another source states that Mrs. Kuhn said: "The light held me in sort of a trance. After 20 or 30 minutes I was able to run in the house and lock the door." (121.) She was greatly frighten by now. The time was 1:55 a.m. Our account continues: "She sat up the rest of the night holding an apparently badly frightened dog." (122.)

UFOs are not suppose to exist."

Mrs. Kuhn could not sleep. She was puzzled about who to tell about the incident, afterall UFOs were not suppose to exist! Ask the Air Force!

Couldn't sleep.

The aftereffects of the encounter could not be ignored. Mrs. Kuhn said: "A few days later I had to see a doctor. My eyes were troubling me, a rash was driving me insane and I hadn't slept since November 10." (123.) When NICAP contacted the doctor that examined Mrs. Kuhn, a Dr. Hugens, it was learned that the woman's: "...skin, particularly the areas of skin exposed to the light from this object, had been quite itchy and very dry." (124.) Perhaps the oddest results of the incident were: "She became frightened of all lights and developed an abnormal craving for honey, sweets and water." * (125.)

It was feared Mrs. Kuhn had received a heavy dose of radition but those who knew something about such things expressed doubt. There was no apparent burning of the skin as in the Gilham case and it was known that the very first symptom of radiation sickness was nausea. Mrs. Kuhn felt no nausea. To be sure, tests were done. Results were negative. (See clipping)

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*I recall an abductee telling me he had developed a strange food craving after his (claimed) experience. He said he craved peas and he didn't know why. Its only a suggestion on my part, but if the man was kidnapped, or whatever, perhaps his brain was reacting to some kind of tampering ---Loren E. Gross.

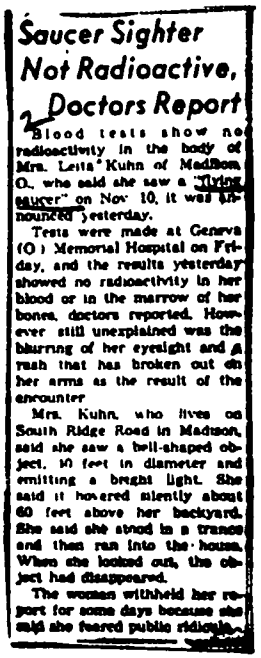
NICAP had a lot to say about this case:

"UFO witnesses sometimes need psychological reinforcement in the face of repeated offiei-ial denials that UFOs exist, a person would begin to doubt his own sanity unless he knew that others had made similar reports. Mrs. Kuhn was shocked by her experience and a little bitter toward those in authority.

"'I surely wish they [the Air Force] would call on me. I've been wanting to tell them I'm mad---clear through. I feel duped and deceived.'

"Later NICAP contacted Mrs. Kuhn again to inquire about her health. In a detailed letter which she requested be treated as confidential, she described in detail what the physiological effects had been. Although ultra-violet radiation had been suggested as the cause at one point, the doctors she consulted treated her for a variety of ailments which had been present prior to the UFO sighting. Some were painful and emotionally disturbing, and she began to fear for her life. In time, the symptoms began to clear up until, as of her January 1959 letter, her health was returning and she felt 'rather well.'

"Aside from the physical effects, Mrs. Kuhn experienced several psychological problems. Local civil defense officials treated her report seriously, but why did the government deny the existence of UFOs? Some friends rebuffed her, curiosity seekers plagued her. Getting no satisfactory explanation from government or scientists, she sought an answer among UFO believers in the process, she encountered the inevitable crackpots who took every light in the sky to be a space ship bearing noble beings. She was repelled by their attitude toward UFOs, and felt they only obscured the truth." (126.)



Saucer Sighter Not Radioactive, Doctors Report

Blood tests show no radioactivity in the body of Mrs. Leita Kuhn of Madison, O., who said she saw a "flying saucer" on Nov. 10, it was announced yesterday.

Tests were made at Geneva (O.) Memorial Hospital on Friday, and the results yesterday showed no radioactivity in her blood or in the marrow of her bones, doctors reported. However still unexplained was the blurring of her eyesight and a rash that has broken out on her arms as the result of the encounter.

Mrs. Kuhn, who lives on South Ridge Road in Madison, said she saw a bell-shaped object, 10 feet in diameter and emitting a bright light. She said it hovered silently about 60 feet above her backyard. She said she stood in a trance and then ran into the house. When she looked out, the object had disappeared.

The woman withheld her report for some days because she said she feared public ridicule.

10 November. Katoomba, Australia. (2:55 a.m.)

"Huge luminous cigar-shape?"

The Adelade paper informed its readers:

"A Katooma, New South Wales, businessman claims he sae a cigar-shaped object speed across the sky towards Sputnik II early yesterday morning. The man, Mr. Allen Hawke, 51, said: 'I was standing in my garden at about 2:55 a.m. and saw Sputnik II travelling across the sky. As it passed over head a huge luminous cigar-shaped object with a bluish tint around the rear swept across the sky. The object suddenly disappeared as it seemed to approach the satellite. Almost immediately, Sputnik became brighter." (127.)

10 November. The 1953 Robertson Panel.

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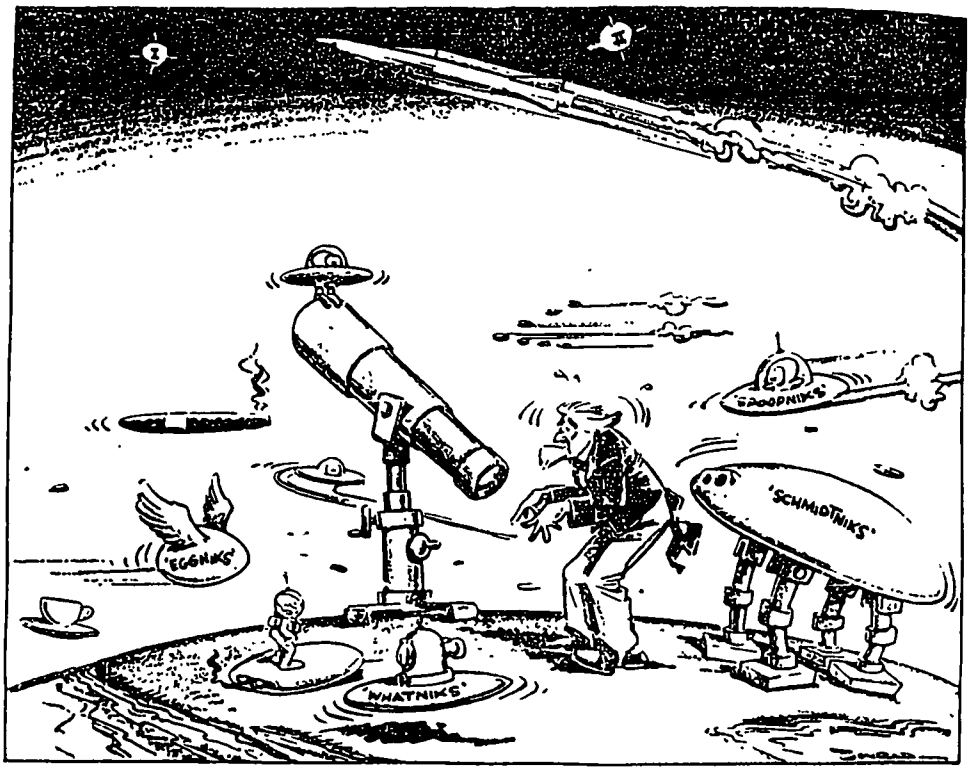
So the people may know



MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE EARTH . . .

A Joint Messageform dated 10 November 57 from "COMDR ATIC" to ACS/1, Washington, D.C., listed the negative results from ATIC's investigations of the recent highly publicized incidents. Not surprisingly nothing existed, in ATIC's view, that would support any report made during the current UFO flap. The document gives information in a condensed form and adds little to what we already know.

In addition to an update on ATIC's UFO investigations, there is a mention of a request to make public the results of the 1953 Robertson panel deliberations, some remarks about Keyhoe's NICAP group, and an interesting suggested tactic for dealing with the civilian UFO organization:

> "ATTENTION IS INVITED TO FACT THAT MEMBER OF NICAP WAS IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO LEVELLAND TEXAS TO INVESTIGATE. SIGNIFICANT TO POINT OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THIS ORGANIZATION CONTINUOUSLY IMPLIES USAF NOT QUALIFIED TO INVESTIGATE, OR DO NOT RELEASE THEIR FINDINGS, IT HAS NOT MADE ANY STATEMENTS REGARDING ITS OWN FINDINGS OR CONCLUSIONS. DESIRABLE IF NICAP WOULD MAKE ITS FINDINGS KNOWN FIRST, THEN USAF COULD QUERY HOW ANALYSIS PERFORMED AND CONCLUSIONS DERIVED. IN ALL PROBABILITY NICAP WILL LET USAF MAKE FIRST STATEMENT, THEN WILL MAKE THE USUAL CHARGES." (128.)

10 November. Varginha, Brazil. (1:00 p.m.)

About 150 miles northwest of Rio is the Brazilian city of Varginha. There, on November 10th a Dr. Homero Viana de Paula, professor of Medicine at a Minas Gerais school, told the press he saw a strange object in the sky. The thing was a: "...metallic round object about two feet in diameter. The thing was noiseless and left no vapor trail or smoke. It appeared and disappeared for half an hour over Varinha..." (129.) Others who witnessed the object were Alfredo Andrade, industrialist Otaviano Ferreva, and lawyer J.B. Silva.

10 November. Cardiff Township, Canada. (6:55-7:12 p.m.)

"Wrangling worm, a fish hook, an arrowhead or triangle." (See RCA report)

10 November. Hammond, Indiana. (7:00 p.m.)

Radio/TV interference. "Flying Basket." (See clipping)

The expression "Flying Basket" is not a common discription given to UFOs as in the Hammond case; however that same night, at Martinsville, Indiana, the same word was used by a UFO witness. Its unlikely the same object was involved in both incidents. Hammond is located near Gary, Indiana, while Martinsville is about 25 miles southwest of Indianapolis. Here is the account that tells of the Martinsville manifestation:

> "Mrs. Louise Wood said a thing that looked like a basket fluttered over the barn near her farmhouse south of Martinsville and flashed red and white lights, Sunday night.
> "She said it dipped low over the barn, barely missed the roof, fluttered noiselessly upward and disappeared into the wild blue yonder." (130.)

10 November. Near Hamlet, Nebraska. (7:00 p.m.)

[redacted]
Highland Grove
Ontario, Canada
November 11, 1957

Officer In Charge,
Royal Canadian Air Force
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

Last night I wrote you about an unusual sight I had seen in the sky. This "light" as I said was observed by my husband and myself.

This evening I have a further report to give. This also was observed by my husband and myself.

At approximately eleven minutes to 7 until 7:12 PM November 11, 1957 weather clea, some clouds, stars shining, temperature 32° above. Place north side of house (located E. corner [redacted] Cardiff Township, Haliburton County Ontario), looking in a westerly direction towards Hook Mountain. Observed what first appeared to be a brighter than usual star slightly S of W.

The light was observed through binoculars (U.S.A. M3 6x30). Under glasses the light was white, it at times took on a yellowish tint and was fringed mostly on the underport with red. Under glasses, the light was observed to go larger or more easterly - or recede or go westerly. It moved around in a most erratic course, assuming various shapes; such as a wrangling worm, a fish hook, an arrowhead or triangle. Changing shape and direction very quickly. (It reminded one of a germ or simple cell type of life seen under a microscope).

The light was observed in approximately the same position as it or a similar light was seen at approximately 7:15 P.M. Nov 10, 1957. If there was any difference on Nov 11, 1957 the light was observed through binoculars, and it appeared to be slight. more to the S.W. than it was the night preceeding. Through the glasses a dim star could be seen in a 2 o'clock relationship to the light. On November 11 the light did not appear below the horizon. Although the light was more carefully observed, it either did not come as close or was smaller than the light observed by naked eye on the 10th. The light disappeared, then reappeared 3 times while under observation.

I wish to state that we are U.S. citizens, spending some time at our farm here in Canada. If I were down in the states and observed such an unusual sight, I would report same to the A.A.F. and therefore feel I am duty bound to report same to you.

Trusting these reports will be of some assistance to you and assuring you that if I have any further observations, I will communicate same to your office.

Yours truly

[redacted]

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Original forwarded to Department of Transport ([redacted]

Lighted, Soundless 'Thing' Is Sighted

Hammond, Whiting Police Report Seeing Mystery Device Sunday Night

Described by one officer as an "elongated basket," three Hammond policemen chased a mysterious and soundless airborne device Sunday evening. It also was observed by Whiting police.

Police began pursuit when the department's switchboard operator began buzzing with calls about "mysterious flying objects" shortly after 7 p.m.

Charles Moore, traffic accident investigator, tabbed the unit as an "elongated basket" with a red light in front and a white light in back.

Sgt. Charles Mauder and Officer Steve Betustak were unable to distinguish an outline of the object although they watched the lights hover over an area in South Hammond.

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ANSWERING the telephone appeal of a Hammond woman, Mauder and Betustak hurried to Jackson Ave. and Cherry St., where the unidentified housewife said the object "is over my house."

Betustag said police could not see a silhouette of the object nor could they hear any motor sounds. "The only thingI heard was a series of beeps like the squeaking of a dry bearing," he said.

Betustak said a "thumping sound" was audible and that he and Mauder watched the object make a 120-degree turn. When it started to move away, the officers sped along 169th street toward Hessville at a speed of 80 miles an hour but quickly lost sight of the lights

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EN ROUTE they notified Moore by radio that the object was headed in his direction.

Michael Metrick, police radio and switchboard operator, said the department received two calls Sunday evening on the object at Jackson and Cherry streets and said he notified UIKE officials and the Civil Defense center as reports were gathered. When the object headed toward Gary, state police and Gary police were also notified, Metrick said.

Betustak said the object appeared to "bank" like an airplane in making the turn, but noted that the officers in observing an airplane minutes later were able to hear the motors.

He said people in the Jackson-Cherry street area with whom the officers checked reported hearin "thumping sounds," however they were never able to trace the young woman who made the original call.

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MOORE SAID he was investigating an accident at 175th St. and Indianapolis Blvd., when Betustak and Mauder reported the object headed in his direction.

Scanning the sky, Moore picked out the silhouette of what he described as "an elongated basket-shaped object." He saw only a green light, whereas Betustak and Mauder had noticed red and white lights. Betustak said the rear light turned to green when the object got further from them.

The bright lights of Indianapolis boulevard and the roar of heavy traffic could have prevented him from seeing the object more clearly or from hearing motor sounds, Moore said.

Capt. Dennis Becky said a loud beeping sound caused interference on his police radio as he sped along 169th street in the area of Columbia avenue while joining the chase. Becky said the interference lasted for "about five blocks" but that in returning along the same route no interference was encountered.

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BECKY SAID the department has received many calls about "beeps" on car radios and television sets and that many householders have reported television blacking out.

Metrick also revealed that during the past week the police have received numerous calls about a "light hanging in the southwest" but said he checked with CAA authorities and was told it was probably a star. The "star" seems to disappear about 8 p.m. each night, according to Metrick.

Whiting police, catching a radio conversation between Hammond and Highland police at 7:40 p.m., checked and confirmed the "wierd object" report.

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SGT. RUDOLPH Puhek and Patrolman Eugene Surdy walked out of the station following the radio report and spotted a saucer-shaped object with red, yellow and blue lights heading southwest with no motor sound present.

Puhek reported he radioed a Whiting squad car which also confirmed seeing the object and then went outside only to see the strange thing vanish in the air. The names of the men in the squad car were not recorded.

Although the housewife who called Hammond police had placed height of the mysterious object at "50 feet over my house," police estimated its height at from 500 to 1,000 feet. They said it "zoomed away" from them as they traveled between 75 and 80 miles an hour in pursuit.

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"Hovering 75 feet above the ground." (See clipping)

10 November. Near Emporia, Kansas. (about 7:10 p.m.)

"Like a 'molten mass.'"

UFO activity began to pick up in Kansas:

"A Wichita broker reported Monday he sighted a bright unidentified object over the Kansas turnpike near Emporia about 7:10 p.m. Sunday.
"John R. Warnhoff said the soundless object compared in size to a Super-G Constellation flying at 3,000 feet, and looking like a 'molten mass of something' --as bright as an arc light but without flames or jet blasts.
"Four Wichita hunters, John and Glen Skleton , Jim Smith and Phillip Mellor, said they sighted a similar object in the sky near Hutchinson, moving southwest.
"Warnhoff said employees at the Matfield Green and Towanda service areas also saw his unidentified object. He said it appeared to float at perhaps 100 miles an hour toward the southwest, and disappeared behind clouds after he watched about an hour." (131.)

10 November. Near Carrizozo, New Mexico. (7:20 p.m.)

Headlights went out. (See clipping)

10 November. Abilene, Texas. (7:30-8:50 p.m.)

"Ready for a padded cell." (See clippimg)

10 November. Near Sweetwater, Texas. (7:50 p.m.)

"Motor stalls --lights go out." (See clipping)

10 November. Amarillo, Texas.

Book sales jump. (See clipping)

10 November. Olden Moore gets a visit. (about 10:00 p.m.)

Our source:

"On Sunday evening, November 10th 1957, Geauga County Sheriff Loius Robusky, accompanied by a deputy and an Air Force lieutenant who stated he was from Youngstown (Ohio), called on Moore at his home. Sheriff Robusky told Moore that the Air Force representatives wished to question him about his sighting and wanted to have him accompany them to Youngstown for that purpose. He added that he felt it was Moore's duty as a citizen to do as they requested. Moore agreed to go, and asked how long he would be away. They informed him he would be back home later that same evening. Moore got in the car with them, and they drove him to the very same field where he had seen the UFO land. The whole experience was so unusual that he became frightened. When they arrived at the field there was an Army or Air Force (military) helicopter waiting for them. Moore said that two Air Force men accompanied him to Youngstown. On arrival at the airfield there, he was escorted to a nearby building and questioned

Hamlet Youth Sighted Big Flying Object

About 7 o'clock Sunday evening, November 10, 15-year-old Gary Malone sighted an unidentified flying object hovering an estimated 75 feet over the ground.

The sighting was made on the Malone farm located three miles east and 2½ miles north of Hamlet. Gary is the son of Gale Malone.

In telling the story of his unusual experience, Gary said he was going to church about 7 o'clock Sunday evening. He was about ½ mile from his farm home, when he first sighted the cigar shaped object hovering over the ground to his immediate right. Gary said he thought the object was about 75 feet above the ground at the time he saw it.

"The whole thing glowed," said Gary. The light seemed to frame the object, showing the cigar-shape. Gary said he thought it was about 80 feet long and 30 feet wide. He compared the object in size to a quonset building on the Malone farm.

Gary became quite frightened when he encountered the UFO. He quickly turned his car around and raced for his farm home. In looking back, he said that the object was rising into the air.

When he got home, the terrified boy immediately told his father and family about his experience. They all went to the back porch to see if anything was still visible. "I saw a light a little west of where Gary saw the object," said the boy's father. "It seemed to be about 2 feet wide at the time we saw it. It was hovering over the ground, well up in the sky. The light was 'star-like' but I'm certain it wasn't a star." Gale Malone continued: "Then, the light began to move east and took on a redish hue as it moved. I would estimate the speed to be about 40 MPH."

When asked as to the distance away from the house the object was seen, Mr. Malone said it was impossible to tell. "It would be like trying to guess how far away a star is."

The family drove to the scene of the sighting, but could see nothing unusual at that time. About 30 minutes later, the UFO had completely disappeared.

Gary was very frightened by his experience, but was consistent in his telling the story. When asked if he would undergo any type of questioning on the matter (including the use of a lie detector) he readily agreed to submit himself to the test. "I'm not afraid to tell what I saw to anyone under any conditions," said Gary. "I wouldn't try to say what it actually was or even it it could be called a flying saucer, but I am certain in my own mind of what I saw," he continued.

The next day Mr. Malone went to the scene of the sighting to see if there was any evidence of an actual landing, but could find none.

Gary attends Palisade High School and is a member of the Palisade Methodist church. He seemed in every respect to be a healthy and normal 15-year-old boy, and in every sense of the word, told a very convincing story. — Hayes Center Times-Republican.

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Those Things Are Here Again!

Tularosans Report Mystery Light

By JOHN REECE

TULAROSA — Those unidentified flying "things" are still with us.

Last Sunday, Nov. 10, at 7:20 p.m., four reliable adult witnesses and four children saw a mysterious object fly over and then disappear in mid-air.

Dan King, III, Mrs. Dan King, his mother, Mrs. Rex Hobson, and two children, and Mrs. Lyle Bishop and two of her children all saw the object from a point on the road from White Oaks to Tularosa about six miles north of Carrizozo, according to Mrs. Hobson.

"The first sign of the thing we noticed was the dimming of the car's lights," related Mrs Hobson. "Then the lights went out," she continued, "and after a short time blinked on again and then off."

Suspecting what the trouble was, they all got out of the car.

And There It Was!

"What I saw was a brightly lit thing over a mountain to our north. It had a blue-white haze under it," she stated matter-of-factly.

No estimate of altitude, size or speed was made, but Mrs. Hobson did remember one very odd thing noted by all of the party.

"It was traveling away from us," she recalled, "but it didn't go behind the mountain or over the horizon. The light simply went out."

When interviewed, Mrs. Hobson seemed quite calm about the incident.

"I have no idea what it was," she stated, "but I'm not worried about the things, whatever they are. I think they are American made."

Auto Undamaged

As in other cases, the King car, a '57 Ford station wagon, was not damaged. When tried again after the passing of the high-flying light, the car lights worked perfectly.

After a lull of a few days, this area had seemed to be neglected by the flying what-ever-they-are gadgets. The last sighting before this incident occurred the previous Thursday, when Byron Lindsey saw another one (or perhaps the same one?) a few miles from Orogrande.

All readers are strongly urged to call the local newspaper office, Hemlock 7-7120, as soon as possible after any future sightings.

Most of the people interviewed recently, and most of them have not seen anything which might be called a "flying saucer," are in agreement on at least one thing: people are seeing something, even if we don't know what it is yet.

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'Wish I Hadn't Seen It,' Says Weather Bureau Man

By DAVID McPHERSON
Reporter-News Staff Writer

"I wish I hadn't seen anything," was the rueful comment Sunday of U. S. Weather Bureau observer James Morrow, the man who saw a peculiar flash and streak of light which remained in the sky about 30 minutes Saturday night.

"I didn't get a bit of sleep Saturday night—the phone was jumping off the hook."

He said he received long-distance calls from some newspapers in the East, from four national radio and television news centers and from "numerous curiosity seekers" wanting information on the matter.

This is a complete report from Morrow, a 27-year-old man of calm temperament who has been an Air Force and Coast Guard observer for nine years, on how and what he saw:

About 7:30 p.m. he began to get calls from Abilenians who said they had seen a light in the sky. Morrow said he paid little attention to them.

7:50 p.m.—He went outdoors to take the hourly weather observation report, and thought he'd glance up "to see if those people were crazy or not."

Not Sudden Flash

There, in the east-southeast, he saw a flash of light ("not sudden and blinding like a flashbulb popping—more of a diffused flash") followed by a vertical streak of light "about 200 to 250 feet long pointing toward the moon." It was reddish-tinged.

8:20—He went out again after several local calls about the matter. The streak was still there, "but was beginning to be obscured by clouds."

8:50 p.m.—Out to take the hourly observations again, he observed that the streak was "either gone or covered by clouds."

What are Morrow's conclusions concerning the matter?

"I don't want to tell anybody, because I don't know. Why doesn't someone tell me?" he said with chagrin.

Pressed for an answer, he made these statements:

1. It was NOT anything from "outer space," such as a flying saucer. ("I don't go for that kind of stuff.")

2. It may have been what he called "an atmospheric phenomenon."

3. It could possibly have been a Russian attempt to hit the moon with a rocket.

Asked if he had ever seen anything of the sort before, he replied with an emphatic "No."

Didn't Use Instrument

Did he take a look at the thing through a Bureau theodlite, a telescopic type instrument which works on the same principle as a surveyor's transit and is used to track weather balloons?

"No, I wasn't that concerned about it at the time."

Morrow, who lives with his widowed mother at 1949 Shelton St., has been with the U.S. Department of Commerce Weather Bureau seven months. While in the Air Force he attended the forecaster's school at Chanute Air Force Base.

In connection with his Coast Guard duty he attended the Naval Aerology School at Lakehurst, N. J. While on duty in Alaska he attended the University of Alaska and he is now attending McMurry College.

He is originally from the state of Washington, but calls Corpus Christi home. He is not married.

Morrow sent a message on the Weather Bureau's storm circuit Saturday night asking other stations for information about similar sightings.

Replies were:

Little Rock, Ark., control tower said an airline pilot reported a bright flash of light in the sky about 7:50 p.m. CST. The public also reported the flash. A second sighting was made at 9 p.m.

Shreveport, La. — Tower operators and downtown observers saw what they thought to be two meteorites bursting in the south, the first one at 7:47 p.m. and the other at 9:02 p.m.

Lubbock—Public reports of a bright light in the southwest, but nothing could be seen from the weather station.

'READY FOR A PADDED CELL'—That was Weather Bureau observer James Morrow's comment Sunday after being kept up all night Saturday night answering phone calls from across the nation. The calls came when he reported seeing a peculiar flash of light in the sky east of Abilene Saturday night. He's got a phone in each hand at his job Sunday at the Weather Bureau. (Staff Photo by Jerre Bardin)

THE AMARILLO SUNDAY NEWS-GLOBE, AMARILLO TEXAS Nov. 10, 1957

Flying Saucer Era Jumps Book Sales

The fad of sighting flying saucers and seeing strange lights which has taken hold of Amarillo may turn into something of a minor financial boon to Amarillo book and magazine sellers.

Already it has upped the sale of books on flying saucers in two Amarillo book stores and has had — along with the interest stirred up by the satellite launchings — to the re-issuing of several paperback books on flying saucers and similar subjects.

Mrs. Jessie Davis of Brown's House of Books, 113-B West 7th, says sales of the three books they have on flying saucers has gone up very noticeably in the last few days.

"We sold a number of copies of the ones we have and have sent for more. I am sure it is because of the recent flying saucer thing. We hadn't sold too many of them until just recently," she says.

The othe book store, Cooper and Melin in Wolflin Village has had a good run on the eight titles they are carrying.

Bobby Harper, a salesman at the store, said the stock had become pretty slim and that two — "Flying Saucer Conspiracy" by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe and "Flying Saucers Are Landed," by Leslie and Adamski — were being bought up at very rapid rate.

On the newsstand side, the people are a little more cautious but still optimistic about increased sales. They say it's a little early to tell yet because they sell quite a few books and magazines on saucers, space and rockets anyway. There are two or three paperbacks on satellites which they say are selling good and they expect sales in this field to go higher.

Earl Robinson, manager of the West Texas News Agency — Amarillo wholesale dealer — says it all has come up so recently it is hard to tell.

"But the publishers are really pouring that stuff in. They have come back into print with several books which were originally published three or four years ago. One of these is Bantam Books' pocket edition of Satellite Another is Maj. Keyhoe's Flying Saucers Are Real, which is due to be re-issued," he adds.

MOTORIST SEES FLYING 'OBJECT'

A motorist bound for Alabama said he saw the "Thing" Sunday night some 15 miles east of Sweetwater on U.S. Highway 80.

It caused his motor to stall and his lights to go out, was large, had a metallic lustre and was lighted, he said.

R. D. Roberts, bound from El Paso to Gadsden, Ala., said he saw the unidentified object in the sky above the highway about 7:50 p.m. He was driving with his wife and said the object passed over going from south to north but that clouds obscured a clear sighting.

Roberts said after the object passed he tried his starter, found his motor okay. The lights burned, and he headed on in to Abilene. He said he couldn't estimate how large it was.

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at some length about his sighting, then he was flown in the same helicopter back to the field from which he had been taken, and he arrived home about 11:00 p.m. that evening, as had been promised." (132.)

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11 November. Near Salina, Pennsylvania. (12:05 a.m.)

"When did they put a fire tower in this area?" (see clipping)

11 Noember. Strum, Wisconsin. (8:20 a.m.)

"Silver tube."

Teacher and students observe UFO:

"At Strum Monday morning, Harold Zemple, a teacher at the elementary school, reported a strange object moving 'quietly and slowly in a northwesterly direction over Strum. The object, which was discovered at about 8:20 a.m., was also seen by many of the students at the school, he said.

Two Men Report Mystery Ship In Salina Area

Claim 5-Minute Look At Strange Craft With Galaxy of Lights

A Franklin motorist and his companion, reluctant to report what they had seen for fear of being doubted, informed State Police of the Franklin substation of a myterious aircraft which they had observed hovering along the Rockland-Cranberry Road early today.

The young men, James Thomas, 22, of 1287 Otter Street, and Francis Hazlett, 23, of 1296 Atlantic Avenue, said they were traveling north on Route 257, about a mile and a half from the Salina intersection when they spotted the object shortly after midnight.

Hazlett, riding in the car being driven by Thomas, said he first thought the object was a fire tower with lights on it and commented to his friend, "When did they put a fire tower in this area."

As they approached abreast of the object they stopped the car and noted it was suspended in air and could not see anything underneath to support it.

300 Feet Off Ground

The aircraft appeared to be about 300 feet off the road over a corner of woods and about 300 feet high, Thomas stated. He said there appeared to be six or eight lights of a dull orange color on it.

He indicated he was familiar with aircraft and that this type of light was not authorized by flying authorities.

"Judging by the spacing of the lights, I would say it was round in shape and about three times as large as a car," he stated.

The two men observed the craft for several minutes and during that time heard no noise to indicate a motor. They said a noise like a conventional motor starting up was heard and the craft started off at a slow rate of speed toward Rockland.

Follow It Down Road

Thomas turned the car around and followed along the road for about a mile and a half, keeping the object in view until it went out of sight over a hill. He kept up with it at speeds of about 35 to 40 miles per hour, he added.

"We weren't going to say anything about it," Thomas stated, "since we felt no one would believe us." He said he and Hazlett went to the home of a resident of the area and got him for a witness before returning in a vain attempt to sight the object again. They reported the incident to State Police at 1:05 a. m.

He said the lights on the craft made it difficult to determine its exact shape or dimensions. He said the lights were either flashing or rotating around the object.

Visibility, although not excellent, was sufficient to see stars in the sky, Thomas added. He said the object was probably observed over about a five minute period. He said it hovered over a house and a patch of woods during that time.

He said neither he nor his companion got out of the car, but rolled down the window to get a better look at the object.

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"'It was silver, and shaped like a large tube,' he declared. 'It seemed only about 500 feet up, and close to Strum, just north of the school.' He added that it left no trail behind it.
"A milk deliveryman driving out of Osseo also reportedly trailed a similarly described object for two miles Monday morning." (133.)

Good UFO reports were scarce the morning of November 11th, but there was still plenty of "saucer news."

11 November. Canberra, Australia.

"Mystery object still unexplained."

The report from the Mt. Stromlo Observatory apparently triggered a small UFO flap in eastern Australia. (See clipping)

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MYSTERY OBJECT STILL UNEXPLAINED

CANBERRA, Nov. 11.—The object seen in the north westerly sky near Canberra on Friday morning by four astronomers from the Mt. Stromlo Observatory is still unexplained.

The Director of the Observatory, Dr B.J. Bok, said today that following the sighting of the object, which was seen a few minutes after 3 a.m. and which was much brighter than either of the Soviet satellites, scores of reports from the eastern states had been received from people who claimed to have seen lights in the sky similar to that observed at Canberra.

None of the reports how ever could be linked with the Canberra observation and many who made them had undoubtedly seen the lights of high flying aircraft

Dr. Bok said that whatever the nature of the object seen at Stromlo, it seemed certain that it was far too bright to have been the capsule containing the space dog of Sputnik II which some scientists think has been ejected from the satellite and has begun orbiting with it instead of returning as planned to earth

A large luminous object "as bright as the moon" and accompanied by a "sizzling" sound was reported over Japan early this morning

The Tokyo Astronomical Observatory said it had received reports from various parts of the country that an object, varying in colour from purple, light pink and light green, flew over Western Japan last night

The Observatory said it believed the object may have been a meteor but added that meteorologists at Tokushima, on Shikoku Island had reported the object was quite different from a meteor. — Reuter.

11 November. Between Covington, Virginia, and White Sulpher Springs. (2215Z to 2220Z) (local time: dusk)

"Like a fountain pen held horizontally."

Air Force Special Agent Thomas Reynolds interviewed the witnesses and obtained the following information:

"[...name deleted] advised that at approximately 2215Z to 2220Z hours, 11 November 1957, while traveling with his wife,[...name deleted], and three children on U.S. Route 60 from Covington, Virginia to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, they sighted an object which looked like a 4" fountain pen held horizontally at arm's length. The object was to the left of the highway at a 20° to 25° angle at an estimated Azimuth of 210°. The object seemed to change in color alternately from orange to grey; the opposite end was a constant orange color. There was no unusual noise. The object looked like it had an arch-like path towards the earth's surface. , [..name deleted] stated that he could not exactly tell between the tail of the object and the exhaust. They lost sight of the object when the sun's reflection no longer was reflecting off the object." (134.)

Moreover, according to the husband the UFO: "...was observed for a period of three minutes and did not seem to be moving very rapidly. The light conditions were described as dusk and the sky clear." (135.)

11 November. Banning Pass, California. (3:30 p.m.)

Two things and a red cigar.

According to a newspaper account:

"Mrs. Larry Norton of 1875 S. Calle Marcns told local police she saw two white, rather shapeless objects zoom across the horizon in a southeast direction around 3:30 p.m.
"Before they disappeared, Mrs. Norton said, she also spotted something which resembled a glowing red cigar." (136.)

11 November. Dallas, Texas. (night)

"Washtubs scooting about." (See clipping)

Six See UFO's Flying In Sky Above Dallas

By United Press

DALLAS, Nov. 12. At least six persons reported two unidentified objects twice the size of washtubs scooting about the skies over Southwest Dallas last night.

One report came from 27 miles south of Dallas, near Palmer in Ellis County.

Harold George, 70, who said he never put much stock in flying saucers, said "this is no imagination."

George, a Meta. Awnings Inc. representative, said he was driving home from work when he saw the objects streaking through the sky in a wide circle. He said when he stopped at a stop sign, he got out of his car to see better. Other motorists followed suit.

He said the circle followed by the objects appeared to be about a mile across and they transcribed it in eight to 10 seconds. He said he could not discern their shape, although they were not round. There were streams of light coming from them in different directions, he said.

"It was quite a sight," George said. He said they were still in sight when he drove away.

11 November. Canoga Park, California. (4:20 p.m.)

Narrow oval object and two slightly oval objects.

A report very similar to the Banning Pass incident was recorded at Canoga Park about an hour later:

"During a large flurry of sightings in November 1957, four engineers for Rocketdyne, near Canoga Park, California, observed three UFOs flying in formation in bright daylight. One of the engineers, Harold R. Lamp, Jr. filled out a NICAP report form.
"November 11, 1957 at 4:20 p.m. the group was driving in a generally ESE direction from the Rocketdyne SanSu facility toward Canoga Park, with the late afternoon sun to their back. One of the men happened to look up and saw three shiny objects their path, from NE to SW. He alerted the others, and they all clearly saw a large narrow oval object (almost cigar-shaped) accompanied by two smaller nearly circular objects (sightly oval, as if discs viewed at an angle). The large UFO was silvery on top, but bright orange underneath, possibly reflecting sunlight. The two smaller UFOs were solid silver colored. Keeping the same positions relative to each other, a V with one of the smaller objects slightly ahead and one slightly behind the large object, the three UFOs accelerated and climbed away into the distance.
"The four men compared notes, and arrived at a consensus of opinion that the UFOs were first seen at about 10,000 feet altitude, climbing to 30,000 feet, at an estimated 5,000 mph." (137.)

11 November. Stanton, New Jersey. (night)

Hoax gets out of hand.

The story:

"A number of saucer sightings in the vicinity of Stanton, N.J., on the night of November 11th, turned out to be caused by a 30-year-old amateur inventor who wanted to play a joke on some of his friends. He filled a plastic balloon with hydrogen, hung an aluminum-covered flashlight from it, and sent it up with a nylon line attached to it for retrieving purposes. His friends living in the neighborhood did see the object and were startled by it, but someone phoned the police, and from there on, the hoax got out of hand. Trooper Jack Hayes arrived on the scene, and after taking a long, careful look at the weird floating object, he fired at the balloon and brought it down - ignoring the pleas of a frantic woman bystander who insisted that the craft was manned by interplanetary beings. An interesting aspect of this case is that among those who saw the object were people who thought they heard the pulsating of engines, and even one person, in addition to the above-mentioned lady, who thought he had caught a log-distance glimpse of friendly space men inside the ship!" (138.)

GOOD MAN WITH A FLYING SAUCER — Trooper Jack Hayes of Clinton Point Barracks, who answered the call from Stanton reporting an unidentified flying object, took one knowledgeable look at the eerie, glowing "flying saucer" and then shot down a p astic balloon, a flashlight and the aluminum foil that shielded the light. (Photo by Schnaiz)

Left: UFO hoax.

Right: "Small disk?"
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She Sees 8-Inch Disk In the Sky

FORT WAYNE (UP)—Mrs. Clifford Stillwell of Fort Wayne apparently holds the record today for reporting the smallest flying object over Indiana.

Mrs. Stillwell said an "eight-inch disk" hovered over her home for 20 minutes Monday night. Nov. 11 She said its glow was "very brilliant."

Mrs. Stillwell called police, but they reported the object had disappeared when they arrived.

'Definite Effort' . . .

'Policy-Makers Maintaining Secrecy on Flying Saucers'

By TOM WILLIAMS

This country's policy-makers are keeping secret information on the so-called "flying saucers" just as they kept secret the development of our missile program—until they found out we were behind — a reserve Air Force lieutenant colonel declared here today.

Lt. Col. Jim McAshan, who served on active duty during both World War II and the Korean War and is currently active in the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, said the organization's desire is that the facts on the unidentified flying objects be made public.

McAshan, a Knoxville restaurateur here for the Tennessee Restaurant Assn. convention, said that laying the missile program before the public has speeded up its progress and that revealing the facts on the "saucers" would also be beneficial to the nation.

He said there is a "very definite effort" on the part of the Air Force to play down the seriousness of incidents involving the UFO's.

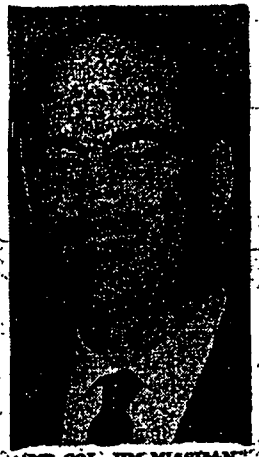
"They release publicity only on the ones they can prove to be hoaxes," he asserted, citing last week's Schmidt case where a Nebraskan claimed he had gone inside a saucer. McAshan pointed out that "incident" was widely publicized, while the reputable reports from engineers and military personnel near White Sands, N. M., were quieted down immediately.

'WON'T HEAR'

"You won't ever hear about them again," he said.

McAshan added that an Air Force regulation was passed in 1953 which effectively silenced reports of UFO's until only recently when satellite launchings brought them into the spotlight again.

That regulation, he said, has to do specifically with sightings of UFO's—all things which cannot be satisfactorily explained or identified. It requires first that all people under its scope file reports on the incidents; second, that they are forbidden by that regulation from discussing it except through normal channels of responsibility, and third that those things which can be explained will be disseminated.



LT. COL. JIM M'ASHAN

"It leaves unsaid anything about the reports that cannot be explained," he pointed out. He declared that passage of that regulation, which obviously bars any reports of UFO's to the press, coincided with the time when "flying saucer" reports began fading out of the public eye.

McAshan stated that another hindrance to the work of the NICAP in its efforts to probe the UFO reports is the fact that most of the sightings are never reported by news services. Asked his opinion on the half-dozen or so sightings reported in Chattanooga during the past week, McAshan said he had not even learned of them till he came here. News reports of the sightings did not reach Knoxville, he stated.

REPORTS

NICAP, McAshan said, accepts reports only from qualified observers—those whose jobs entail knowledge of the air and what is in it. This would include military and airline pilots, radar operators and airport tower operators, he explained.

Reports of UFO's go far back into history, he said. In more recent times, for instances, McAshan pointed out that newspapers all over the country in 1897 put huge front-page headlines on reports from across the nation that a strange flying object, "20 times more brilliant than the brightest stars", was observed by thousands of people.

"It was described then as an airship, powered by some unknown force," McAshan said. "That was years before the Wright Brothers made their first flight."

McAshan said also that Chattanooga papers in the 1890's carried reports of such an object making two passes over the city.

During World War II, the lieutenant colonel added, our bomber crews in Europe sighted small, glowing objects flying alongside their aircraft. They thought the objects were some German device to hinder the bombers.

Later, however, when the war ended and German reports were examined, it was found that the Nazi flyers had sighted the same strange objects and had thought they were American devices.

McAshan said that members of the NICAP have various theories about where the UFO's come from. Purpose of the group is to bring the public the facts, not to try to prove the "saucers" are from outer space or anywhere else in particular.

He requested anyone having information which might be of value on the subject to contact the committee at 1536 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C. Local representatives of the group is Paul Lash, telephone OX 8-1571.

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12 November. Abilene, Texas. (morning)

Fiery ball hits truck. (See clipping)

SHATTERS GLASS

'Ball of Fire' Strikes Abilenians' Windshield

A shattered pickup truck windshield and shaken nerves were the only mementoes two Abilene men have for a strange occurrence Tuesday morning in the outskirts of Anson.

A. L. Stevens, 1426 Almond St and his son-in-law, Lee Stephens of the same address, were en route to Rotan in a Lester Humphrey Termite and Pest Control Service truck when the incident occurred

"It looked like a dark red, almost black ball of fire, about two or three feet wide," Stevens said He said he was sitting on the right hand seat, and he closed his eyes and ducked when it seemed certain the "ball" was going to hit the truck. Stephens also ducked

"It shook the car a little and shattered the glass without breaking it out," Stephens said It looked like there were four main points of impact, from the way the glass cracked."

Immediately after the contact, Stephens stopped the pickup, and both men searched for some signs of what had hit the truck, without finding anything

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A similar report was made back on November 6th at Laren, Holland, when an auto and a motor-cycle were struck. If these "attacks" have anything to do with the UFOs, the reason for them has not been discovered by anyone.

Even Men From Mars Hinder Tax Computing

Even the Men from Mars are hindering completion of Bernalillo County's tax roll.

The punch cards containing information needed for computation of individual tax amounts, were on a county truck near Plainview, Tex., the night of Nov. 3—when the truck stalled and its lights burned out.

John Flinn and Ed Chavez, members of the assessor's staff who were driving the cards to Dallas, were able to start the truck again in a few minutes But they had to creep, without lights, into Plainview to have the bulbs replaced, they told Assessor Carter W. Kirk by telephone Monday

The next day, Flinn and Chavez told Kirk, they saw in the papers where other motorists in the same area not only had their cars stall and lights go out, but saw strange flying objects as well. Flinn and Chavez said they saw nothing unusual.

The cards were taken to Dallas where an electronic brain will compute the amount owed by each taxpayer. Assessor Kirk had hoped they would be back last week end. They are now due the end of this week.

Delays, in addition to the one caused by burned-out lights, have been due to 1) rain, which caused a two-day delay in reaching Dallas, 2) prior commitments for use of the Remington-Rand electronic brain; 3) power difficulties, which have prevented operation of the computer for hours at a time.

Albuquerque, New Mexico Journal.
12 November 57.

Left:

Belated report that may have been part of the Levelland story.

12 November. UFO and the FBI.

Evidently the Air Force believed UFO sightings along with Russian space feats could mean trouble. A mix of both might encourage the FBI to assert its interest in the idea UFOs might be a danger to America's domestic security. In a letter to the Bureau, dated November 12, 1957, the military re- Hoover's people the policy decided upon during the Fall of 1947 was still in force. The FBI was assured it would be advised of any developments that came under Bureau jurisdiction (as judged by the military) and that the FBI was: "...to conduct no investigation but immediately refer facts to the Air Force." (139.)

12 November. "Hush-Hush."

In spite of the Air Force's low-key approach to the UFO mystery, the military gave indications it was more concerned then the American public suspected. (See clipping below)

Sullivan—

Hush-Hush Adds To Mystery Of Space Object's Visitation

By HOWARD STEVENS and JULETA SLOVER

SULLIVAN, Ind., Nov. 12.—(Special)—An impenetrable cloak of secrecy all but enveloped a 22-year-old Merom iron worker who entered the Mary Sherman Hospital here over the weekend for burns which he said were inflicted by a "bright light in the sky."

Hospital officials Gilham, R. R. 1, Sullivan, stonewalled from reporters by hospital staff members who said they were told not to discuss Gilham's case with "anyone."

No Visitors Allowed.

"We can't tell you his condition, his room number or anything about him," Helen Kirk and Ruth Woodward, hospital workers told the INDIANAPOLIS reporters Monday.

Forty-eight hours earlier, Gilham talked freely with newsmen as he described "a bright light in the sky" which bathed his farm with its eerie, pulsating light." He pointed out that the object hovered at about 1,000 feet and went straight up and headed west."

Gilham placed the strange light in a cloudless sky on the night of Nov. 6. He reported that the light "beamed out from an object which measured about 40 feet in diameter." He explained that the object emitted a "whirling sound that resembled a high speed electric motor which appeared to be gaining revolutions."

Face Seared.

Treated by Dr Joseph Dukes of Dugger Friday morning, Nov. 8 Gilham, who works in Terre Haute, told the physician that the facial burns began to bother him on Thursday following the lighted object's appearance the day before. Dukes said the irritations on Gilham's face were similar to those suffered by arc welders.

Gilham denied being around welding equipment and added that there was nothing in his work that could cause burns of any type. Gilham's condition worsened Saturday and he was admitted to the hospital Sunday.

"I'd always laughed at those stories before," Gilham confided to his physician.

Medical authorities at the Sullivan County Hospital would not comment on exactly who ordered the "no visitors" edict for Gilham However, Gilham's father-in-law, Ben Gray, admitted that military authorities had been informed of his son-in-law's condition and he said he "assumed that they would investigate."

Viewed By Family

In earlier remarks to newsmen Gilham said his wife Agnes and their children also observed the object. Each described it as Gilham did However, Gilham was the only member of the group who watched the object during its entire flight.

Gilham asserted that it was not the first time he had sighted such an object. He reported that about three years ago, his family sighted another lighted object in the same area.

Meantime, a Geiger counter expedition headed by Robert Orr of Sullivan, a physics and math instructor, visited the Gilham farm and tested the area for potential radiation readings. They reported "slight reactions in several areas but none of major consequence."

Dr Dukes reported later that Gilham rested well Monday night and that the swelling about his eyes and darkening of the skin about his face had lessened. He said he expected Gilham to be released Tuesday.

12 November. Worthington, Ohio. (4:45 p.m.)

"I hate to be in the same class with all the others who have reported UFOs." (See clipping)

Spotted First By Children

Worthington Cop Chief Admits: 'Something' WAS In The Sky

Worthington Chief of Police James Lewis stared at his town's first flying saucer yesterday afternoon and reluctantly admitted "something" was in the sky.

"I hate to be put in the same class with all the others who have reported UFOs," he said, "but . . . I've never seen anything like it before." (UFOs are Unidentified Flying Objects.)

NEITHER HAD two 11-year-olds, Lynda Beck and Michael Charlton. Lynda, who first spotted the object as she and several other girls were returning from a Girl Scout meeting, ran back to the Presbyterian Church and called for Michael and the male opinion.

Michael: "It was silver colored, disc shaped, much larger than an airplane and I live at 107 W. Stafford-st."

Lynda: "It was round and flat and silvery and flew in circles. We saw it in front of the police station at quarter to 5. My father is Glenn H. Beck, director of activities of the Methodist Children's Home."

Lewis: "It was 10 miles off and 5000-6000 feet in the air. (He is a light plane pilot.) It was either round or cylindrical and of highly polished metal."

LEWIS SAID it was the first UFO reported in Worthington. It hovered "for five or 10 minutes" in view and then flew westward when an airplane approached "it."

"I could clearly distinguish the UFO from the airplane," Lewis said in explaining there was no similarity between a conventional aircraft and the object.

TWO WORTHINGTON policemen, both experienced airmen with military experience, also saw the object, Lewis said.

But at the Lockbourne Air Force Base operations office, at the Air Defense Filter Center, at the Franklin County sheriff's office, at the Columbus Police Department and at the Port Columbus Meteorological Station:

"Nothing reported."

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Police Chief Reports Sky Object Hovers 15 Minutes

COLUMBUS — Suburban Worthington Police Chief James Lewis said today he and two of his patrolmen watched a "ball-like" object hover near the town for about 15 minutes Tuesday.

Lewis, a veteran pilot, said the unidentified flying object was "definitely not a weather balloon because I have seen them and know what they are like."

The police chief said the brilliant "highly-polished" object disappeared to the west, as a conventional aircraft came near.

Lewis estimated the flying altitude at 5,000 feet northwest of the suburb. "I got a good look at it," he said, "and had the feeling it might be some type of experimental aircraft."

He said it appeared to be maneuvering, but remained for about 15 minutes in the same general area.

The police chief said he and Patrolmen Tom Morter and Del Kiser compared notes and were debating whether to make the sighting public when telephone calls began coming in from residents who said they also saw it.

WOOSTER, OHIO, RECORD
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12 November. Hazelton, Pennsylvania. (8:55 p.m., 9:25 p.m., 9:55 p.m.)

"Flying Triangle."

Were triangle-shaped UFOs seen in the 1950s? A press story says:

"More strange doings in the skies.
"James St. Mary, projectionist at the Capitol Theatre city of Hazelton] reported something resembling a triangle, with a light at each corner, hovered over Hazleton yesterday at three different times. His story is substaniated by another projectionist who asked that his name be withheld because he doesn't want people 'to think I'm going daffy ---but I saw it too.'
"St. Mary, walking past a window on his way to the water cooler, said he stooped and when he did, beheld the 'triangle' approaching Broad street from the direction of Cranberry.
"'This was at five minutes to nine. Just a short time before that, an airplane went by, traveling south to north. I know what the flashing red lights of a plane look like and this was not an airplane.'
"'It had a light on each of its three corners, with one corner real bright. This object came up slowly and flashing on and off, lighting it up. I called my partner's attention to it. It was fantastic.'
"'When it got close, it looked like a big ferris wheel. All of a sudden it stopped dead. It started to go back. It looked like a spinning wheel. About two or three minutes later, it came back, much higher than before.'
"St. Mary reported sighting it again at 9:25 and 9:55 p.m., with the other projectionist beside him both times. After he completed his shift at the Capitol, he came to the newsroom.
"'I saw these stories in the papers lately and I thought the people were seeing things," he declared, shaking his head, 'but this beats me. I don't know what it was, but it sure was something, and not an airplane'
"Some substantiation for this story arrived by telephone about 11:20 p.m., when William McFadden and James Ford, of McAdoo, called to report a similar object in the skies southeast of McAdoo. It was quite distant, they said, but seemed to be hovering in the skies. A reporter who went to McAdoo to check said it seemed to be a flickering star or else the saucer or whatever it was drifted too far off to discern what it was." (140.)

Another Hazelton paper contributed this: "Most observers said they were reluctant to make known their sightings because they might be attributed to 'all those stories in the newspapers.'" (141.)

12 November. Rumny, New Hampshire. (10:20 p.m.)

Car engine goes dead. Headlights go out. Cat acts up.

According to a news story (Apparently in the Plymouth Record), a Mr. Stanley Hadley was manning Ground Observer Post #14 in the town of Plymouth when he reported to the Bangor Filter Center the sighting of a red light traveling West-to-Southwest in the Mt. Stinson area. The light was estimated to be at 14,000 feet. The audio-amplifier at the post could not pick up any sound Another person in Plymouth, Herbert Houghton, also noticed a strange light in the sky at the same time (10:20 p.m.) when he went outside to fix a T.V. antenna.

This routine UFO incident took on more interest when at the same time (10:20 p.m.) something unusual happened at the town of Rumney which a few miles north of Plymouth and is at the base of Mt. Stinson.

It seems a Mr. and Mrs. Earl had been out for a drive and were returning to their home when their car stopped dead. The headlights went out and the engine quit. Even the ignition light failed to light up. This puzzled the Earls because their car, a 1955 model, was in perfect running condition. In fact the battery was brand new, having been bought only a few days before.

Fortunately the Earls were only yards from their driveway. Mr. Earl got out and went to get his jeep so he could rig a tow. Mrs. Earl went in the house. Suddenly, much to Mr. Earl's surprise, the car headlights came back on all by themselves. Mr. Earl turned the ignition key. The engine started up immediately.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Earl had entered the house and noticed that the cat's sleeping basket was empty. That was very unusual since the cat should have been sound asleep at that hour. Mrs. Earl found the animal wide awake, restless and upset, pacing back and forth on the kitchen table This feline behavior was highly unusual for their pet.

The Earls discussed their experience and wondered if there was any connection to the stories in the newspapers. (142.)

"We're not paying attention." (See clipping)

The second week of the flap.

According to our source:

"As the second week started, sightings continued at a reduced rate and the interest of some reporters and newscasters shifted to the Pentagon. Lou Corbin, Station WFBR Baltimore, informed NICAP that he and Paul Parker, WIP Philadelphia, were cooperating in an attempt to learn the next Air Force move.

"'I think there's a stronger statement coming,' said Corbin. 'Even though press coverage of sightings has dropped, that AF release hasn't stopped questions by the press.'

"When NICAP learned that Corbin had been unable to reach Stokes, a query was put to Maj. L.J. Tacker who stated that Stokes had been in the hospital 'for nervous tension' and also that Stokes now believed he might have seen some kind of weather phenomenon." (143.)

Houston Defense Center Ignores Sputniks, Muttnicks, Whatniks

By BURT SCHORR
Press Staff Writer

Sputniks, Muttniks, and Whatniks may be churning the skies over Houston, but as far as the Houston Ground Observer Corps' Houston Air Defense Filter Center is concerned, the situation is simple.

It is ignoring all reports.

Plotting Board

In its newly-completed headquarters at 8300 Bellaire, the center boasts a plotting board 112 feet square. Some 2000 observers manning 200 posts from Matagorda to Lafayette, La., and from Beaumont to Waco, are capable of reporting for spotting on the board grids, everything that flies in the vast area they cover.

But the operations center controller on duty, Air Force Staff Sgt. Lewis Q. Shaw, told The Press today:

"We are not alerting our posts to track these flying objects everyone's talking about.

"We have no orders to do so."

Few Calls

"And we are not paying any attention to reports from local people who call us."

Sgt. Shaw said the center has received "a few calls about flying objects since yesterday afternoon, when residents throughout the city first began sighting cigar and moonshaped disks glowing in the evening sky."

Military Personnel

"Our job is to keep track of all planes in our observation area," he said. "We operate under the Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, and report directly to the warning center at Ellington Field.

"However, Air Defense has assigned us a 'ready reserve' category. Our posts can be manned at a moment's notice. But they're not manned unless we're alerted.

We have military personnel on duty at the center at all times, however."

Press Staff Photo by James Morgan

SGT. DON WARD — AIRMAN H. L. CLAMPITT

They track only airplanes on a giant screen.

"We are not paying attention to reports from local people who call us. We have no orders to do so."

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Last minute additions:

Space Travelers' Group Is Formed

Palmer, Nov 8 — A group here has organized a club known as the Interplanetary Space Travelers' Association Warren Reim was elected president and told members "the time is not distant when one probably will take a ride into space and return." Other officers elected were: vice-president, Richard Waterman; secretary, E Almeida; treasurer, J. P. Hackett; technical adviser and communications, J. J. Costa of Ludlow, astronomer, first class, J. Rucki, second class, M. Bouthillier, and third class, E. Chlastawa. Official observer and reporter of unusual or unidentified flying objects is Jack Lynch. New members are sought and can join by contacting President Reim.

Springfield, Massachusetts
The Springfield Union

Welder Is Unmasked As Fake Spaceman

Sylvester Johnston, 29, a dock builder and welder, played the role of a spaceman for a short spell yesterday.

Johnston was observed crawling out of the mud and slime of the Christina River yesterday carrying a metal spear. He told startled workmen that he was Aquarius "from way out of space."

The ruse failed when the welders at the dock tore off Johnston's welding mask. Johnston's back on his earthman's job today, binding steel beams for pilings in the construction of a channel marker.

Wilmington, Delaware
Journal
8 November 57

Sheriff Is 'Scared' by Fiery Object

FT SCOTT — (AP) — Bourbon County Sheriff Ray Cummings reported Thursday he saw an unidentifiable lighted object spitting fire while he was on a routine night patrol in his car.

"I was really scared," the sheriff said. "I had never seen anything like it."

Cummings said he saw the object, the size of a railroad car or huge truck, between Fulton and Mapleton on K-31 in northern Bourbon County early the morning of October 31.

Explaining he did not want to stir up any fear, he said nothing about the experience until Thursday—after scores of somewhat similar sightings were reported in the United States.

Belated report:

Topeka, Kansas
Topeka Daily Capital
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